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# Talks begin to unify Germany

Poland to take part when borders discussed

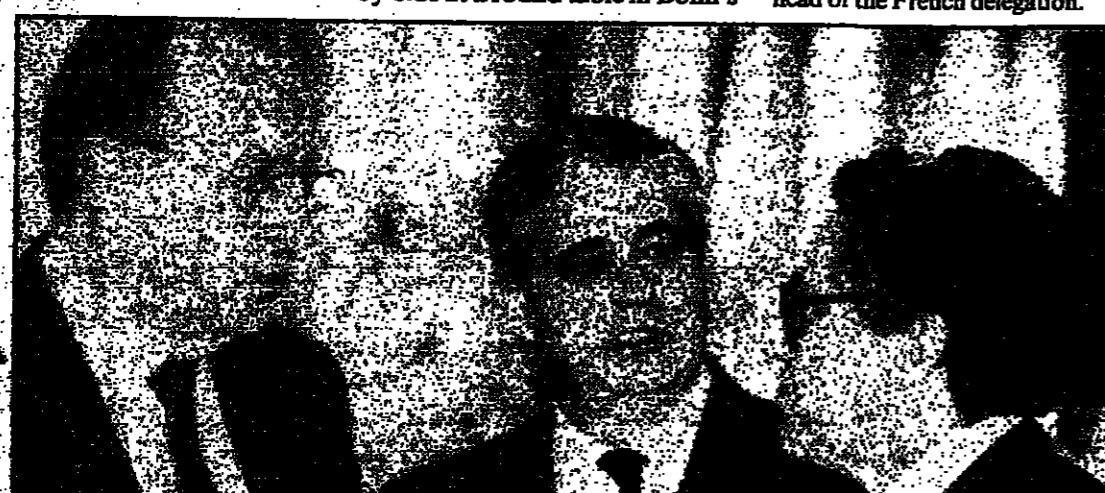
**BONN,** March 14. (Agencies): World War Two's "big four" victors and the two Germanys that emerged from the ruins of the Third Reich met here today at the start of talks on creating a united and peaceful German state.

Senior officials from East and West Germany, once arch rivals in the cold war, sat side-by-side at a round table in Bonn's

Foreign Ministry with delegations from the United States, Soviet Union, Britain and France.

The officials, who aim to plot out the military future of a United Germany and its former capital Berlin, declined to answer questions from journalists hovering around the table.

"We're just at the beginning of our talks," said Bertrand Dufourcq, head of the French delegation.



West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (left) talks to leaders of the French delegation political director Bertrand Dufourcq (centre) and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoli Adamichin (right) in Bonn. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Israeli leaders woo small parties

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM,** March 14. (Reuter): Rival leaders of Israel's collapsed coalition government wooed religious politicians in a battle for power today with the future of peace talks with Palestinians in the balance.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir faces a non-confidence motion in the Knesset — Parliament — tomorrow that would bring defeat to his rightist Likud Party.

Likud shared power with the leftist Labour Party headed by Vice-Premier Shimon Peres for the past 15 months until Shamir sacked Peres as finance minister yesterday, prompting a walkout by the other Labour ministers in the national unity cabinet.

The long-simmering crisis came to a head when Shamir refused Labour demands to accept US proposals for the first-ever Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Shamir and Peres both courted bearded rabbis in black coats who want government cash for religious schools and public observance of Jewish law in return for their support.

Four small religious parties with 18 swing votes in the 120-seat legislature are essential for a win by either Likud or Labour. The winner hopes to set up a government without his political foe.

The two leaders blamed each other for the collapse of the coalition. An opinion poll in Yedioth Achronot, Israel's largest selling newspaper, said both were at fault.

"There won't be peace so long as Shamir heads this government," Peres told Israeli radio.

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## Weather

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Ahmad: 17°C/63°F  
Falkirk: 16°C/61°F  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
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Falkirk: 21°C/70°F  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 85 per cent  
Ahmad: 84 per cent  
Falkirk: 77 per cent

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sole candidate

The Soviet Communist Party yesterday nominated its leader Mikhail Gorbachev to run for executive president, the official Tass news agency said.

A number of deputies, including members of the conservative bloc "Soyuz," or union, also nominated Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov and Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin for the presidency, but both withdrew their candidacy. (UPI)

**Bush-Thatcher meet:** President Bush and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher have agreed to meet in Bermuda on April 13 to discuss a wide range of issues related to developments in Europe and Nato, a spokesman announced. (UPI)

**Young mother:** A nine-year-old Turkish girl has given birth to a healthy baby boy and both children are doing well, the young mother's doctor said. (Reuters)

**Plan rejected:** Syria and Iraq have rejected a Turkish plan dealing with the use of water from two major rivers in the area, Turkish Foreign Ministry sources said. (Reuters)

**Shiite battles:** Shiite battles swept Muslim Beirut's southern suburbs on Wednesday while across the religious divide in battered East Beirut, Christians enjoyed a respite from six weeks of all-out war.

Renegade Gen. Michel Aoun, meanwhile, said he was prepared to negotiate a settlement. (Reuters)

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Some 100 student activists demonstrate outside US embassy in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Filipino interest in bases first'

## Cory will survive, says Ramos

**MANILA,** March 14. (Agencies): Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos acknowledged the possibility today of another coup attempt against President Corazon Aquino but expressed confidence she would crush it and complete her term.

"I am very confident that the Aquino government will last through its six-year term," Ramos said when asked in a television interview last night about threats by mutineers to oust her. A transcript of the interview was released today.

"We do not discount the possibility (of another coup attempt)," Ramos said, but added that the capability of the mutineers was "much, much less than what they had" when they staged the Dec. 1-9 uprising.

He said a great number of people have withdrawn support for cashiered Army Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan who led the December insurrection, the sixth in

Aquino's four years as President.

Ramos recalled threats by rebel soldiers to disrupt a series of events — the Philippine military academy graduation, a major international gathering, local elections in the south and the fourth anniversary of the people power revolution — over the past month.

Aquino yesterday rejected a communist guerrilla proposal for a ceasefire in the 21-year leftist revolt if she agreed to dismantle vital US military bases in the Philippines.

Senator Wigberto Tanada urged Aquino on Monday to heed the proposal by the National Democratic Front, the political wing of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, for a unilateral truce on condition Aquino would not renew US basing rights.

"The NDF's interests do not necessarily coincide with those of our people," Aquino said in a statement.



Scratching for a penny

A monkey scratches the forehead of its handler during a break in their performance at a Hong Kong amusement park. The monkey dressed in traditional costume, performed a Chinese opera. (Reuter wirephoto)

## US mine sweepers leave Gulf

**MANAMA,** March 14. (AP): The three last US mine sweepers that have been operating in Gulf waters since the height of the Iraq-Iran war were pulled out this week in view of a reduced mine threat. US naval sources said today.

The sources would not give the exact itinerary for the USS Enhance, USS Esteem and USS Conquest, which are headed for their home ports on the US west coast.

But they said the vessels would reach homeport within a minimum of 40 days to reach homeport.

The three 720-ton, wooden-hulled vessels were loaded aboard a contracted Dutch heavy-lift ship, Super Servant III, according to the sources.

## DAY BY DAY

**INSTEAD** of a ban on certain news items about the government, particularly those which leak out and then float around as rumours, the government should allow its publication and then publish a rejoinder through the local media.

A ban on the local news media on certain stories, when other news media are using them, is certainly a question of short-sightedness. Does the government believe that such news won't reach?

It is preferable that certain news items are allowed in print, and a government spokesman could answer any questions about any information gathered by newspapers.

Zahed Matar

Saddam won't intervene 'now'

## Iraq rejects mercy visit

**LONDON,** March 14. (Agencies): Iraq has rejected a request by Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd to visit Baghdad to appeal for the life of a London-based journalist sentenced to death for spying, the government said on Sunday.

Asked what he expected, East Berlin's Deputy Foreign Minister Ernst Krabatsh said: "We'll have to wait and see."

The key issue for the talks, hastily arranged last month as the two Germanys pitched headlong towards unity, will be whether the new state is neutral or a member of Nato.

Moscow, nervous at the Warsaw Pact's sudden collapse, demands neutrality while Bonn and its Western allies insist Germany must remain tied to Nato in some way.

The focus of this first session will be on procedure and privilege, Western diplomats said.

Reflecting Bonn's increasing self-confidence, the two Germans agreed last Friday that the talks should be held alternately in Bonn and East Berlin.

Some wartime allies — Paris and presumably Moscow, the diplomats said — want the victor's capitals included on the list to emphasise their role in deciding Germany's future.

Another issue that could be discussed at this session is how Poland, which was outraged by Kohl's ambivalence about its post-war western border, can take part in the talks on the future Germany's frontiers.

Poland will take part in talks when its post-war borders are discussed, a senior West German official said today.

Dieter Kastrup, head of the West German delegation, said the six states agreed on their first day of talks about the future of a united Germany that Warsaw should be invited. He did not say how Polish representatives would participate.

Poland said it was almost certain to join talks but still needed to clinch US support.

Government spokeswoman Małgorzata Niezabitowska said all six participants except the United States had accepted Polish participation and Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki hoped to win US backing during talks in Washington next week.

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Mitterrand (left) dedicates a photograph showing West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Mitterrand under the watchful eyes of two school children. (Reuter wirephoto)

One immigrant dead

## Mitterrand hits at race hatred

**PARIS.** March 14, (Agencies): French President Francois Mitterrand spoke out against racist hatred yesterday after frightening attacks on immigrant youths left one dead, one in an irreversible coma and a third paralysed.

"So can one now kill a person simply because he is a foreigner or comes from a different background?" Mitterrand asked, echoing warnings from senior politicians and churchmen.

The Moroccan embassy in Paris lodged a formal protest yesterday after three youths of Moroccan origin were victims of separate weekend attacks in two quiet country towns.

Their alleged assailants were white Frenchmen now in custody.

Mitterrand, speaking during a provincial trip, said the worst crimes were motivated by instinctive hatred.

"When I see what happened... every week could be marked by fresh crimes of stupidity, brutality and sheer intolerance," he said.

"I fear for France and my citizens because this was pure savagery," said Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Roman

Curia.

Catholic archbishop of Paris. Civilisation was at risk when people hunted others like wild game, he said.

Prime Minister Michel Rocard said the attacks showed where intolerance and racism inevitably led.

Rocard's Socialist Party went further by implicitly accusing the anti-immigrant National Front.

"We have had enough of the hatred and venom which some people have made their electoral stock-in-trade," Georges Morin, the Socialist Party representative for North African immigrants, said in a statement.

Papandreou, a former prime minister, told reporters that his Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) was willing to form an electoral pact with a communist-led alliance in the country's five single-seat districts.

### Troops withdrawn

**PORT MORESBY,** Papua New Guinea, March 14, (AP): Papua New Guinea has withdrawn hundreds of troops sent to the copper-rich island of Bougainville to try to halt a 15-month-old rebellion, it was announced today.

Officials said the security forces, brought in after a state of emergency was declared in June, had been scheduled to leave by Friday because international observers are in place to oversee a ceasefire.

to have the... statement enacted as a law," he told a news conference.

Kis, 46, is regarded as a possible candidate for prime minister after parliamentary elections on March 25 and April 8, Hungary's first free national elections since 1945.

An opinion poll published by the Gallup organisation on Monday identified the Western-oriented AFD as Hungary's most popular party, with 23.1 per cent support against 21.5 for the centre-right

opposition Hungarian Democratic Forum.

The ruling Socialist Party, founded last October as a successor to the Communist Party which took power in the late 1940s, trailed far behind with 8.7 per cent.

The AFD also criticised last weekend's accord between Hungary and the Soviet Union for the full withdrawal of 50,000 Soviet troops from Hungary by June 30, 1991. The first soldiers left on Monday.

## Hungarian party wants to quit Warsaw Pact

**BUDAPEST.** March 14, (Reuter): Hungary's front-running opposition party said yesterday it would ask parliament to annul the country's Warsaw Pact membership after free parliamentary elections.

Janos Kis, leader of the Alliance of Free Democrats (AFD), said the party believed that a statement of withdrawal from the Soviet-led pact made during a failed 1956 uprising, remained valid. "The AFD will take steps in the new parliament

### Parliament apologises

**BUDAPEST,** March 14, (Reuters): In its final act before free elections, Hungary's parliament apologised to the nation for communist injustice today and rehabilitated hundreds of thousands of victims of bardine rule.

The outgoing national assembly, at an emotional sitting capped by the singing of anthems, voted overwhelmingly to annual politically-motivated sentences meted out from 1945 to 1963.

### Papa seeks support

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An American military policeman blocking about a dozen South Korean students from entering the compound of the US military command in Seoul. The protesters were all taken away by South Korean police after staging a 10-minute sit-in inside the compound later, demanding an end to the current South Korean-US joint military exercises which they said impeded the South's unity with communist North Korea. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Nigerians arrested**

**BANGKOK,** March 14, (UPI): Customs officials arrested nine Nigerians for attempting to smuggle high-grade heroin out of Thailand in their stomachs, officials said today.

"They put the nearly 100 per cent pure heroin into plastic tubes about five inches long and each swallowed about one kilogram (2.2 pound)," said Surachai Saptaveechayakul, director of the narcotics sub-division.

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## Strike shuts down shops in Nepal

**KATHMANDU,** March 14, (UPI): Shops and schools in Kathmandu and at least seven other towns were shut down today as opposition forces seeking multi-party democracy staged a third general nationwide strike, residents and opposition sources said.

There were also scattered reports of stone-throwing in the capital city, including one incident in which two students at an engineering school were severely beaten while a passing bus was hit by rocks, witnesses said.

The strike was the third time since Feb 18 that the outlawed Nepali Congress

Party and affiliated leftist groups organised strikes to support the nation-wide movement for lifting a 29-year ban on political parties.

"Our movement will continue until we achieve our goal on a multi-party system and all political prisoners detained during and before the movement are released," said Siddhi Lal Singh, a member of the politburo of the banned Nepal Communist Party.

A government official said six people were arrested during Wednesday's clashes, while opposition sources put the number at 14.

The general strike also affected at least five other towns in eastern and central

Nepal, residents and opposition sources said by telephone.

Residents in the southern Nepal town of Narayanghat said shops were all closed and reports from the resort town of Pokhara, where King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya currently are on an inspection tour of development projects, said shops there also were shuttered.

The strike also affected the town of Janakpur in southern Nepal and Biratnagar, the nation's largest industrial centre, located in the southeastern section of the country, residents said.

**Najib: I offered Tanai my chair**

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

LONDON: The leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, Neil Kinnock, who filed damages on Tuesday over newspaper articles accusing him of queue-jumping to arrange a family holiday on the Greek island of Corfu.

A London court ordered the Sun and The News of The World newspapers to pay "very substantial" damages to Kinnock for articles published three years ago alleging that he abused his political position to secure the holiday.

The News of the World said Kinnock claimed precedence over two other couples booked into the apartment where his family was staying and a Sun commentator "investigated Mr Kinnock for pulling rank and jumping the queue." (Reuters)

KINSHASA, Zaire: A 10-foot (3-metre) long, 132-pound (60-kilogramme) ivory tusk believed to be the world's largest has been stolen from a Zairian national park, a police source says.

The police official said Tuesday there are no clues in the theft of the tusk, which was kept in a science centre at Kalemie-Bigga National Park, near the eastern border with Rwanda.

He spoke on condition of anonymity and declined to give other details, such as when the tusk was stolen. (AP)

CHICAGO: Bruce Bettelheim, a psychologist and author who studied under Sigmund Freud and gained fame for his work with emotionally disturbed children, has killed himself in a Maryland nursing home, a medical examiner said. He was 86.

Maryland's chief medical examiner, Dr John E. Samakow, said one of his deputies who examined Bettelheim had determined the cause of Tuesday's death was suicidal asphyxiation.

Samakow declined to give details. Bettelheim lived at the Charter House Nursing Home in Silver Spring, Maryland. A secretary who did not give her name referred calls Tuesday night to Bettelheim's family, but declined to provide a telephone number. (AP)



**Mrs Quayle gesture**

Marilyn Quayle, wife of US Vice-President Dan Quayle, holds a baby during her visit to Pilar, some 250 miles south of Asuncion, Paraguay, where some 700 families were left homeless by flooding. Mrs Quayle said that the US would send humanitarian aid to help these families. (Reuter wirephoto)

ZURICH: A Van Gogh oil painting worth about \$1.7 million has been stolen from a Zurich customs depot, police said on Tuesday.

The theft was discovered last week when a prospective buyer wanted to see the picture, Wheatfield with Sheaves, painted in 1888 by the Dutch artist in Arles, France.

Police said there were no clues to the theft. (Reuters)

### New role Actor to scale Mt. Everest

LONDON, March 14. (AP) — Brian Blessed, a 53-year-old actor, will have to climb the world's highest mountain for his next role.

The British Broadcasting Corp said yesterday it has chosen Blessed, an amateur climber, to play George Mallory, who disappeared with companion Andrew Irvine in 1924 in swirling snow 800 feet (243 metres) below the summit of Mount Everest.

Some members of the expedition believed the two men reached the summit and were on their way down when they disappeared.

Blessed said he has had an obsession for years to climb Everest and he hopes to become the first actor to stand on top of the 29,029-foot (8,848-metre) peak.

His best so far is 19,340 feet (5,894 metres) Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

The actor will start acclimatising later this month in the Himalayas in Bhutan.

### Appeal to Congress

The star of the television series "Starsky and Hutch" pleaded with Congress yesterday to help find a cure for AIDS, which killed his seven-year-old daughter and threatens to kill his wife and son.

Actor Paul Michael Glaser and his wife, Elizabeth, (shown together above) who received the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome virus in 1981 from a contaminated blood transfusion she was given during the birth of her daughter Anel, pleaded for more federal funding for research into the killer disease.

(Reuter wirephoto)

### Murder

## Every 46 minutes

CAPE TOWN, March 14. (UPI) — More than 11,000 people were murdered in South Africa last year, or one every 46 minutes, law and order Minister Adrian Vlok told parliament yesterday.

Vlok, in an annual review of crime statistics, also reported 125,857 serious assaults, 58,298 auto thefts, 50,636 robberies, 20,458 rapes, or one every 26 minutes, and 187,946 housebreakings in 1989.

The minister responsible for police affairs blamed unemployment, poor socio-economic conditions and an understaffed police force for the high crime rate but pledged, "we will do everything in our power to try and change the situation."

EDGARTON, Massachusetts: Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis ended a 10-year dispute with a group of Wampanoag Indians by agreeing to give them a plot of land and \$100,000 in exchange for a tiny beachfront site.

The case pitted Mrs Onassis' desire for privacy against the Indians' belief that they should retain control of tribal lands on Martha's Vineyard, including 1.5 acres (0.8 hectares) owned primarily by the Wampanoags that is surrounded by Onassis' estate on the island. (AP)

LONDON: Simon Jenkins, a columnist and Britain's journalist of the year last year, was named Editor of the Times newspaper on Tuesday.

The Times said Jenkins, who for the past four years has been a columnist on its sister paper the Sunday Times, would succeed Charles Wilson who has held the post since 1985.

Jenkins, 47, has also been editor of London's Evening Standard and political editor of the Economist magazine.

Wilson, a hard-nosed Scotsman who took over from Charles Douglas-House, becomes international development director of News International which publishes the Times and the Sunday Times. (AP)

BRIDGEPORT, Connecticut: Jury selection has begun in the second trial against Paul Newman for a share of the profits from the actor's salad dressing.

A mistrial was declared the first time on the lawsuit by Westport delicatessen owner, James Gold. Gold claims he was promised 8 per cent of the stock for consulting services when Newman's company was begun in 1982.

Newman's Own makes salad dressing, spaghetti sauce, popcorn and lemonade. (AP)

### ATTENTION U.S. TAXPAYERS

A representative of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will conduct seminars at the U.S. embassy on March 26, 27 and 28. Topics will include preparation of income tax returns, extensions of filing, individual retirement accounts and exclusion of income (Form 2555).

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## Shoshone woman's life-long mission to expose massacre

CLEARFIELD, Utah, March 14. (AP): Mae Timbimboo Parry will never forget nights as a child at her grandfather's feet. While winter winds moaned outside, she listened in horrified fascination as he spoke of the Bear River massacre.

Six decades later, Parry, the 70-year-old tribal secretary to the northwestern Shoshone, traces her life-long mission to reveal the truth about the army's slaughter of as many as 400 Indians in 1863 to the hours spent listening to Yeager Timbimboo, one of the few survivors.

"He was the best story teller. He believed in passing his stories on to his grandchildren, and he expected them to memorize all of them. He'd tell them over and over again," Parry said.

"We sat on the floor and grandpa sat on the chair. Every few minutes he would ask, 'awake? Are you awake?' she recalled.

"And we would say yes. If one of us fell asleep, grandpa would just get up and leave. So we stayed awake. He wanted us to know who we were and where we came from."

Yeager, 12 when the soldiers attacked, survived and lay still in the blood-spattered snow until a soldier realized he was alive. The soldier let him live.

"He must have been spared for this purpose. If my grandfather had died, it (the truth) may have been lost," said Parry, who has passed Yeager's stories on to her five children and more than a dozen grandchildren.

The account of the attack by the man who launched it, Col Patrick Connor, was one of pitched battle and classic military

engagement against well-armed and entrenched warriors, a view reflected to the abiding anger of the northwestern Shoshone — on a historical marker commemorating the "Battle of Bear River."

In the years after she first heard the Bear River stories, Parry became a repository for the tribe's oral history on the massacre. Eventually, she blended her grandfather's stories with others in what is considered by historians to be an authoritative 1976 monograph on file at the Utah state historical society in Salt Lake City.



**Hats anybody?**

Summer is indeed here and this woman is ready for it. She peddles different types of hats along a busy street in the heat of Manila today, which is a constant protest demonstrations centre. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Harrods owner vows to hold on

LONDON, March 14. (Reuters): The embattled Egyptian owner of Harrods, alleged to have bought London's most famous department store with lies and mystery money, says he will never be ousted.

"Harrods is my pyramid. I shall stay here forever — they can bury me on the roof," Mohamed Fayed said in an interview published in the Daily Express newspaper today.

"The dogs bark but the caravan passes on."

British government inspectors said in a report last week that Mohamed and his brother Ali lied to regulatory authorities and shareholders about their background and wealth in their 1985 takeover of Harrods.

But police fraud investigators said there was insufficient evidence for criminal charges in the £615 million (\$1 billion) deal.

Asked about the report's suggestion he was hankered by the Sultan of Brunei, the world's richest man, Fayed replied: "He's a friend of mine, but that doesn't mean I have to put my hand in his pocket."

Interviewer Sean Rook said trying to prise information out of Fayed on the source of his Harrods' funding was like having a conversation with the Sphinx.

# CHANEL

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Taiwan student protesters scuffle with riot police outside the ruling Nationalist Party's Taipei headquarters. (Reuters wirephoto)

Deputies barred from assembly

## Taiwan students protest

TAIPEI, March 14, (Reuters): Taiwan students staged an unprecedented protest in front of the ruling Nationalist party's headquarters today as opposition deputies were again physically barred from the National Assembly.

Riot police backed by huge barbed-wire police line but were rebuffed.

Yesterday, riot police formed a human wall around the assembly building to prevent the DPP members from entering.

The assembly's presidium has ruled that the DPP members, who are the only opposition in the 752-member body, may not take their seats until they pledge allegiance to the "Republic of China," the name used by Taiwan's Nationalist government.

The DPP deputies earlier changed the oath to read the "Republic of Taiwan" — a slap in the face for the Nationalists, who still claim to be the legitimate rulers of all China and regard all notions of Taiwan independence as seditious.

The National Assembly, like the rest of Taiwan's tricameral Parliament, is dominated by elderly Nationalist government fled to Taiwan from China in 1949 after losing control of the mainland to communist troops.

In a move certain to inflame protesters, the assembly's screening committee this week has recommended measures that would greatly extend the powers of the National Assembly, which

barricades and water cannon sealed off all roads to the assembly meeting hall outside Taipei to prevent 11 Democratic Progressive Party members from taking their seats.

Several DPP members, along with several hundred supporters, attempted to break through the

### North Korea nuke

## China has no evidence

BEIJING, March 14, (UPI): China's energy minister said today he was not aware of any evidence to substantiate Western suspicions that North Korea is building a facility that could enable it to make nuclear weapons.

"I haven't heard of it at all," said Minister of Energy Huang Yicheng, in response to a question at a news conference in Beijing.

Western intelligence reports, based on satellite photography, have expressed concern about a nuclear reactor research site in Yongbyon, North Korea, about 50 miles (80 km) north of the capital of Pyongyang.

The reports have cited a building on the site that could house a plant to reprocess spent nuclear reactor fuel into weapons-grade plutonium, which could be used in making an atomic bomb.

North Korea has said the plant is for research on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and has boasted reports in the United States and Japan about the facility as "sheer lies."

■ Chinese Communist Party chairman Jiang Zemin, arriving in North Korea for a three-day visit, launched talks with President Kim Il Sung today expected to touch on bilateral and international relations, news agencies for the two communist nations reported.

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Emergency talks between Nationalist officials and DPP chairman Huang Hsin-Chieh over the issue of the pledge broke down today and the DPP has vowed to continue to mobilise

mass protests outside the assembly hall.

One hundred students from the prestigious Taiwan National University scuffled with more than 100 riot police outside the Nationalists' headquarters during a day-long protest.

Seoul has high hopes on China ties

BEIJING, March 14, (AP): South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Ho-Joong made a brief stopover in Beijing on a foreign mission Monday and expressed "high hope" the two countries would soon agree to diplomatic relations.

Choi conferred with US Ambassador James Lilley and Pakistan Ambassador M. Akram Zaki during his hour-long stay at Beijing airport, but did not meet any Chinese officials.

He left Tokyo aboard a commercial flight earlier Monday for an 11-day trip that will take him to Pakistan, India, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

In Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria, Choi is to sign protocols establishing normal relations with those countries.

Choi said he was carrying no messages for Chinese officials and that his only objective during the stopover was to meet his "old friend" Lilley, who formerly served as US envoy to Seoul.

"We can exchange views" on China, he said, but there will be "no formal proposals."

"We always have high hope" of normalising relations with China, he said. "I don't know how soon it can be realised (but) I've already offered to meet with the foreign minister when the situation is right."

Choi is likely to meet one key Chinese leader during his trip. Senior leader Deng Xiaoping's son, Deng Pufang, was on the same flight to Pakistan for a visit in his capacity as head of the China Federation of Handicapped People.

A true peace prevails in the north-east as the Tigers consolidate their grip on the region, moving into areas vacated by the withdrawing Indians.

## Jubilant Tigers 'take' Trincomalee

More Indian troops leave Lanka

TRINCOMALEE, March 14, (Agencies): Armed Tamil Tiger guerrillas strolled once again through the dusty streets of this northeast Sri Lankan port today after the withdrawal of Indian troops who had been sent here to crush their separatist revolt. The jubilant guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) peacefully entered Trincomalee, the administrative capital of Sri Lanka's northeast province and the Indian army's last major outpost in the country, yesterday as the Indians withdrew.

"We have now taken control of seven districts in the north and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka. We will be campaigning for the official dissolution of the northeast provincial council and the repealing of the sixth amendment in the Sri Lankan constitution. We have also set up two new offices in the Trincomalee town," LTTE source in Colombo said.

All top leaders of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front has left for India. About 2,000 cadres of the EPRLF left in two ships, stated a security sources based in Trincomalee.

A senior Sri Lankan army officer estimated there were 75 to 100 Tigers in the town of 60,000 people. The guerrillas declined to give a number.

They are far outnumbered in Trincomalee by armed Sri Lankan police deployed in the streets and by Sri Lankan soldiers from major bases in the port.

Thousands of Tamil refugees fled Trincomalee by boat to India in the weeks before the Indian withdrawal, many of them supporters of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), a Tamil group that accepted the 1987 peace pact and won control of the northeast provincial government. Top EPRLF leaders flew to India from Trincomalee on Sunday.

The Tigers and the EPRLF who fought together against the Sri Lankan army before 1987 became bitter enemies after the peace pact.

Both the Tigers and the central



## Unhappy Bush still soft on Beijing

WASHINGTON, March 14, (Agencies): President George Bush yesterday conceded he was unhappy with China's response to his bid for better ties after the Tiananmen Square massacre, but said it would be wrong to adopt a tougher line.

"I'm not happy with the evolution of reform in China. But I have no regrets," Bush told a news conference when asked if he regretted sending National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft on two missions to China at a time most Americans favoured sanctions against Beijing.

"We were terrified before. Now it looks as if everybody will be peaceful, although nobody can say what will happen in the future," said Nagalingam Nagarajah, a 25-year-old office worker in the Ministry of Education in Trincomalee.

Schools and offices of the provincial administration remained open and major streets were busy.

Most shops opened for business. Many shopkeepers had closed them before the Indian withdrawal fearing robbery by armed militants.

Bush, a former US envoy to China, said it's first-hand experience in dealing with Beijing convinced him he knew more than his critics, who have accused him of kowtowing to Chinese leadership.

Bush ended military sales to China and reluctantly imposed other sanctions after a bloody army assault killed hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in June 1989.

He has since eased some of the sanctions, saying it would be a mistake to isolate the world's most populous nation. His policy has been widely criticised.

Asked why he refused to change his policy "and take a tougher line toward the Chinese regime," Bush replied:

"Because I'm familiar with China, and I think we're on the right track. And I hope that we'll see any evolution of more reform. And that's exactly why not change it now."

■ A prominent liberal journalist has been ousted from his seat in China's nominal parliament because of his activities in sympathy with last year's pro-democracy movement, a state-run news agency reported Wednesday.

The last multi-party polls in Burma were held in 1960 — well before the arrival of television in 1980. Since a military coup in 1963 the only "elections" were held simply to approve candidates nominated by the military-backed ruling party.

At the same time, a senior Communist Party official also criticised for his activities during last year's unrest resigned from a government advisory body, in what is believed to be a prelude to his removal from his leading party post.

## Death railway shows stopped

BANGKOK, March 14, (AP): Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan has barred planned tourist shows along the "death railway" that were to have featured a reenactment of Japanese soldiers supervising work gangs of war prisoners, officials said Monday.

Australian Veterans' Association had condemned the planned shows at the site where 100,000 Asian labourers and 16,000 Western prisoners — including about 6,000 Australians — died by execution and of disease and abuse during World War II.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke spoke with Chatichai by phone on Sunday and the Thai leader agreed the shows should not be held, said an official of the Australian embassy in Bangkok, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Thai prime minister has announced that he would never allow any re-enactment of the memory of the allied prisoners and Thai people who died during the construction of the Burma-Thailand railway during World War II, the embassy official said.

A Thai newspaper, the Nation, reported Friday that a tourism company, together with the State Railways of Thailand, planned to operate rides along the railway during which tourists could see the shows of soldiers supervising work gangs.

Part of the route of the death railway was made famous in the 1957 Hollywood movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai," which celebrated the prisoners' heroic building of the bridge in Kanchanaburi province about 110 km (68 miles) west of Bangkok.

State Wangpaichit, deputy director of planning of the tourism authority of Thailand, said the plan was made without his officer's approval.

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# Bush seeks \$300m for Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, March 14, (Reuters): President George Bush lifted US economic sanctions against Nicaragua yesterday and asked Congress to adopt a \$300-million emergency aid package aimed at supporting the newly elected pro-American government.

"Americans are determined to help the people of Nicaragua," Bush said in announcing that he had signed an executive order revoking sanctions imposed in 1985 to pressure the pro-Soviet Sandinista government.

The Sandinistas were defeated in

democratic elections last month.

Bush said his announcement was a "demonstration of our resolve to be part of the process of reconciliation" in Nicaragua.

Violetta Chamorro, who will be sworn in as Nicaragua's president on April 25, has requested \$300 million in emergency US aid to revive her country's battered economy.

The announcement follows a meeting in Chile between US Vice-President Dan Quayle and Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega, who promised a smooth transfer

of power. Ortega also said yesterday his leftist Sandinista Army will never stage a coup against his democratically-elected successor, Chamorro.

"The government that is going to take office on April 25 can be completely sure, more than many Latin American administrations, that there will never, ever be a military coup in Nicaragua," Ortega said in a speech in Chile, where he took part in celebrations of Patricio Aylwin's swearing-in as president.

In Managua, the outgoing Sandinista

government yesterday described the lifting of US trade sanctions as a long-delayed "act of justice."

"We consider the lifting of the economic embargo against Nicaragua an act of justice that has taken too long to be carried out," Vice President Sergio Ramirez told a news conference.

Bush also said he would ask Congress to approve by April 5 a bipartisan "fund for democracy" to help both Nicaragua and Panama with a total package worth \$800 million in economic aid.

## Mandela-de Klerk talks soon

Appeal to tighten sanctions, help ANC

STOCKHOLM, March 14, (Agencies): Nelson Mandela said yesterday he will meet South African President F.W. de Klerk as soon as arrangements are completed to discuss how to create a climate for black-white negotiations.

"The road we still have to traverse will not be long," he told the Swedish parliament. "It may not be smooth and easy but clearly the racist tyranny is on its way out."



Mandela (left) is greeted by Swedish Archbishop Bertil Werstrom at the Uppsala cathedral in Stockholm. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sanctions futile, says SA minister

CAPE TOWN, March 14, (Reuters): Sanctions did not change South Africa in the past and will not influence talks with the black majority in the future, South African Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said today.

Presenting the national budget to parliament, he acknowledged financial sanctions had slowed domestic economic growth, but said they had not influenced recent sweeping political reforms introduced by President F.W. de Klerk.

"The far-reaching steps taken by (De Klerk) since his assumption of office spring directly from carefully considered initiatives and timing and have nothing to do with sanctions," Du Plessis said.

"The government's commitment to reform and its pursuit of a higher growth pattern despite sanctions, underline both the folly of continuing foreign interference... and the futility of trying to inject the lifting of these sanctions as a factor in the negotiating process."

Du Plessis' comments, in a preamble to his main budget speech, followed repeated calls by black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela for the international community to intensify sanctions against Pretoria, at least until the government starts power-sharing negotiations with the black majority.

Du Plessis said one of the spin-offs of benefits of sanctions was that they had forced the government to focus on economic efficiencies and structural changes in the economy," he said.

The minister said today's budget would be aimed at further economic restructuring to raise living standards of all races and to rekindle growth.

"High priority will have to be given to the pressing questions of poverty, housing backlog, inadequate education... and a host of other problems blocking the road to participation in the economy and to progress," Du Plessis said.

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## Hit squad proof all lies: lawyer

PRETORIA, March 14, (Reuters): A South African police lawyer told a judicial inquiry yesterday that a former policeman's account of his role in alleged police hit squads was a lie.

"Your evidence is a total lie and I'll prove it to you," lawyer Sam Maritz told Almond Nofomela, who described last week how he was kidnapped, assaulted, shot and stabbed anti-apartheid activists on instructions from his superiors.

The inquiry, now in its second week, was called after Nofomela spoke out about alleged police hit squads from death row, hours before he was due to hang for an unrelated murder.

Judge Louis Harms, conducting the inquiry, said he had been asked to investigate 71 unsolved cases of apparent politically-motivated murders.

Nofomela said he and three others were paid 1,000 rand (\$380) each for one of them, the stabbing to death of liberal lawyer Griffiths Mxenge in 1981.

At yesterday's hearing, Maritz disputed Nofomela's account of an assault on the 17-year-old son of a community leader. Nofomela said he saw a police officer burn the youth with a blow torch after he and others punched and kicked him.

Maritz presented evidence from a doctor and the victim, who said he had been threatened with the torch, but not burnt.

Maritz also said there were discrepancies in other gruesome details of Nofomela's evidence.

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## Grenada's voters reject Eric Gairy

ST. GEORGES, Grenada, March 14, (Reuters): Grenada's voters rejected eccentric former prime minister Sir Eric Gairy yesterday, clearing the way for a government led by the civil servant who headed a caretaker administration after US troops toppled a Marxist regime in 1983.

In a campaign marked by populist personalities and rallies to a calypso beat, Nicholas Brathwaite's centrist National Democratic Congress claimed seven of the 15 parliament seats at stake on the tiny Caribbean spice-growing island.

Party sources said a majority government was being formed in talks with the former ruling party, The National Party. TNP leader Prime Minister Ben Jones was the only member of the party re-elected to his parliament seat.

Brathwaite, 64, was described by political observers as an able administrator who briefly led a caretaker government after US military troops ousted Grenada's Marxist government in 1983. He first became active in party politics when he joined the fledgling National Democratic Congress in October 1988.

The election was the second held since Grenada's return to democracy in 1983.

He said countries should also cut diplomatic ties with South Africa.

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New Haitian interim President Trouillot, (left), stands next to Haitian armed forces chief Gen. Herard Abraham as an honour guard passes by in Port Au Prince after Trouillot assumed power. Trouillot, 43, will head a provisional government until elections are held. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Woman president sworn in

## Pascal vows to clean up Haiti

"My government will be what you want it to be."

Pascal-Trouillot, 43, will govern along with a 19-member advisory council until elections are held, possibly in three to six months.

"In the short time I have, I will work to clean the face of Haiti," she promised.

She spoke in both French and Creole, the island Patois.

The South-West Africa People's Organisation, fighting for independence since 1966, also wants some forces of the UN transition assistance group to remain so the Namibian government led by Sam Nujoma can train a national army and strengthen local police forces.

The UN force, also known as Untag, at its peak had 4,470 military observers and 1,500 police supervisors. Hundreds of pollwatchers also were in Namibia during elections in November that gave Swapo a majority of seats in the constituent assembly.

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Kohl (left) shakes hands with jubilant Cottbus residents waving German banners during an election campaign of East German "Alliance for Germany" in central Cottbus, East Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Modrow warns East Germans Don't rush for unity

EAST BERLIN, March 14, (Agencies): East Germany's communist Premier Hans Modrow, holding his first election rally, warned against rushing into unity with rich and powerful West Germany.

The note of caution appeared aimed at many East Germans worried about a capitalist takeover of East Germany, possible soaring unemployment and sharp cuts in the state's social safety net.

Hours before Modrow spoke yesterday at a party rally in Neubrandenburg, a top West German politician, Christian Democratic Union General Secretary Volker Rühe, acknowledged that international concerns are slowing unification and said the process could take at least three years to complete because it is so complex.

Rühe told reporters in Bonn that unification cannot be completed "as long as the external questions ... are not settled."

In other developments yesterday:

- West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said East Germans will be able to exchange their personal savings one-to-one for West German marks, according to a report on the ZDF television network.

- Officials in Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic Union said the party favours drastic cutbacks on social benefits for East Germans moving to West Germany in the future. The efforts, a response to the strain created by the surge of East Germans moving West since last summer, would be linked to current efforts to merge the two countries' currencies.

- The state-run East German news agency ADN said Modrow told the Israeli government for the first time that his country is ready to discuss returning the property of Jewish victims of the holocaust.

The agency, reporting on a letter from Modrow to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, did not mention the much more controversial issue of reparation payments.

Modrow, the top communist candidate, is considered far more popular among East Germans than his party. He barnstormed through his home district north



Modrow waves a bunch of flowers after his election campaign speech in a stadium in Neubrandenburg. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Stop spying, Bonn tells agents

BONN, March 14, (Reuter): The West German secret service (BND) has ordered its agents in East Germany to stop spying, Bild newspaper said today.

The decision, following East Germany's announcement on Monday that it would disband its own huge spy network, means the two countries would no longer spy on each other.

Quoting security sources, Bild said the order deactivating the agents had gone out from the BND's headquarters in Pfullach, a suburb of Munich.

The newspaper also quoted a security expert as saying it was clear that after East German elections this weekend "the spying activities in the other part of Germany will not be restarted."

Bild, which released the report ahead of publication on Thursday, said some of the estimated 400 BND agents had already been brought home.

The BND would do its best to erase traces of the clandestine activities of those wishing to stay in East Germany, it added.

of Berlin in last-minute campaigning before Sunday's free parliamentary elections.

Modrow stressed the communists' opposition to unity under Article 23 of the West German constitution, which allows individual East Germans to decide to join West Germany. ADN reported from a rally in the town of Demmin.

The communists "want to be a left-wing force that helps ensure that social safety and a market economy do not clash" in East Germany, Modrow was quoted as telling another meeting.

Modrow has acknowledged that a resurgence of anti-Semitism and racism in a unified Germany could provide solid guarantees to the Soviet Union that its security interests would be respected.

### Mongolian trade unions threaten

## Challenge to Communist Party

ULAN BATOR, March 14, (Reuter): Mongolia's powerful trade unions threatened today to divorce themselves from the country's beleaguered Communist Party in what officials and diplomats said was a serious blow to the party's weakening grip on power.

The challenge was laid down as the party's 240 central committee members met for a third day and prepared for a late-night vote expected to accept the resignation of their leader, Chambay Batmunkh, and the seven-man politburo.

Batmunkh, a cautious reformer who has led the Mongolian party since 1984, proposed the mass resignation on Monday under pressure from newly formed opposition parties inspired by East Europe's dramatic political changes.

Diplomats said they expected the party to ren-

ounce its 66-year-old absolute right to rule, thereby paving the way for democratic elections in this vast and remote country.

The trade union newspaper Labour published a statement by the Central Council of the Mongolian Trade Unions proposing that a "new, independent, united and free" movement be formed.

"We should have the task of making the trade unions a real movement which is independent of outside control," said the newspaper.

A foreign ministry official said the Labour movement, which includes almost every worker, excluding some nomadic herdsmen, in this country of two million people was a powerful force and had long been a bedrock of communist support.

"This is another of the party's big power bases which is crumbling," a diplomat commented.

### Romania makeshift parliament votes to prevent another dictatorship

BUCHAREST, March 14, (AP): Romania's makeshift parliament yesterday discussed age and mental health qualifications for the future presidency and ruled out candidates by any members of former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu's old guard in an apparent effort to prevent another dictatorship.

The Council of National Unity also voted to hold elections within one year after a new constitution is formulated and adopted by the new parliament to be democratically elected on May 20.

The council, which is acting as a makeshift parliament until the elections, is in the process of drafting an electoral law to govern the May elections which will establish a bicameral parliamentary system with a prime minister and

president.

The delegates voted to bar from candidacy anyone who committed abuses in political, judicial or administrative functions, were guilty of human rights violations or took part in repression by the police or the Securitate, Ceausescu's dreaded secret police.

The draft electoral law provides for candidates to be challenged in court on their record under the former dictator. But a ban on the candidacy of former members of the now-disbanded communist party central committee had previously been dropped.

A prime concern at yesterday's session of the 258 member council was preventing any long-term dominance by the future president.

"The president does not have the right to

become eternal," said Mircea Dinescu, president of Writers' Union and one of the first to announce Ceausescu's overthrow on Dec. 22 after 24 years of iron-fisted rule.

Interim President Ion Iliescu, who assumed the need to avoid a long-term political domination by any one individual after the new parliament takes office.

The first role of the new parliament will be to write a new constitution to replace the one in effect under Ceausescu.

The council delegates, representing the 51 political parties that have established themselves since the revolution as well as ethnic groups, approved the new election provision overwhelmingly.

Iliecu himself has been accused of trying to perpetuate himself as the country's only interim leader which makes some Romanians uneasy after 24 years of Ceausescu's dictatorial rule.

Opposition parties yesterday formally appealed Iliescu to postpone Romania's first postwar elections, claiming the electorate is unprepared and still burdened by the legacy of Ceausescu.

"Please tell us who is ready to take power today. Take it and go ahead," responded Iliescu to delegates at the makeshift parliament session formulating an election law for May 20 balloting.

■ Pope John Paul has re-established the Catholic Church hierarchy in Romania after 40 years of heavy restrictions, the Vatican said today.

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## GDR leader quits over spy affair

EAST BERLIN, March 14, (Reuter): East German conservative leader Wolfgang Schnur, accused of spying for the former Stalinist security police, resigned today, just four days before the country's first democratic election.

His dramatic withdrawal as head of the Democratic Awakening Party dealt a severe blow to the three-party conservative alliance for Germany backed by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Schnur, who had been tipped as a possible prime minister, issued a statement which for the first time stopped short of

denying that he had been an informer for the hated Stasi security police.

"Since I am unable at present to clear up objectively the allegations against me, I am drawing the consequences in the interest of political honesty and responsibility," said the statement read to a West Berlin news conference.

The 45-year-old human rights lawyer had been seen as a possible prime minister if the rightists, gaining in the opinion polls, topped Sunday's ballot.

Schnur, who is in hospital after collapsing last week, said in his statement that he

had always tried to help the persecuted and oppressed.

West Berlin Christian Democratic (CDU) leader Eberhard Diepgen said Schnur had acknowledged passing information to the now-defunct Ministry of State Security.

"Mr. Schnur passed information sporadically in the period from the end of the 1970s to the ministry, without incriminating individuals," Diepgen said.

Democratic Awakening, co-founded by Schnur after Stalinist leader Erich Honecker fell last October, featured the lawyer

on its campaign posters with the slogan "the honest alternative."

A citizens' committee studying files in Schnur's hometown of Rositz said last week it had found documents naming him as an informer on church and dissident affairs.

West Germany then said he had been risked prison to pass information on political persecution to Bonn.

Schnur initially denied on his return ever having worked with the Stasi. Friends said he fell last October, featured the lawyer

## Soviet Parliament to elect president

Direct poll will lead to civil war: Likhachev

MOSCOW, March 14, (Agencies): The Soviet Parliament today rejected a bid by radicals for national elections to choose the country's first executive-style president, keeping the right for itself.

The vote of 1,545 to 368, with 76 abstentions, virtually assured Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's election to the post with unprecedented constitutional powers.

A successful proposal needs 1,497 votes, two-thirds of the 2,245

deputies.

Earlier Gorbachev had accused his opponents of deliberately holding up the crucial vote.

"This is clearly an attempt to lead Parliament astray," a testy Gorbachev had told deputies as a host of amendments aimed at trimming the new presidential powers stalled progress at the Congress of People's Deputies.

One amendment that got the necessary two-thirds vote called for a presidential declaration of martial law to approve by the national legislature. It will also make a state of emergency, he declares, if any republic subject to approval by the republic.

Many deputies told the Associated Press that Gorbachev had intended the vote to be a referendum on his presidential rather than constitutional powers.

But Alexander Yakovlev, Gorbachev's right-hand man on the Constitutional Committee, told a meeting of the congress that Gorbachev had to move quickly to create the presidency in order to solve problems in the Soviet Union.

"A popular vote sounds attractive. It is indeed a great idea. But we must take account of the current crisis," he said.

"There is a struggle now between the supporters of perestroika (restructuring) and those opposed. We are at a crucial stage."

Gorbachev, the party leader and parliamentary chairman, faces a host of problems, including an economic crisis, a separatist movement in the Baltic republics and ethnic violence in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

But Yakovlev, addressing a session of the Constitutional Committee, backed Yakovlev's call for immediate action.

"I remember the February revolution of 1917. The country is caught up in emotion now. Believe me, I believe my experience. I am against direct elections. The election must be held here immediately. We must not delay," Likhachev said.

"Understand our constituents," he added. "Direct election of the president will lead to civil war."

Likhachev also warned that a proposal to force Gorbachev to resign as chairman of the Communist Party if elected president would pit the party against the state. He warned that also could lead to civil war.

Sympathetic deputies broke into applause at the end of his statement.

The official news agency Tass said the meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies would have to be extended beyond its scheduled close today because it had yet to elect a new president.

Most deputies said there was no alternative to eventually choosing Gorbachev for the new presidency. But the Soviet leader faced resistance from deputies who charged he was roughshod over the parliament's role book yesterday to establish the presidency and create a multiparty political system.

Today, reformers failed to get the congress to reconsider its action in creating a stronger presidency, abolishing the Communist Party and giving a guaranteed monopoly on power, creating a multiparty system and allowing limited forms of private property.

If Gorbachev had failed to win an immediate vote in the congress, he would have had to go before Soviet voters in a direct, nationwide presidential election.

Gorbachev had said he would run for the new presidency, and there is little opposition to his candidacy by the congress.

Before today's session, one radical deputy said Gorbachev would win the presidency no matter what comes out of the debate.

"I think there is no alternative to Gorbachev," said Vitaly Korotkin, the editor of Ogonyok magazine.

Korotkin said if the congress did not act quickly to reform the country's political and economic systems the country could be "ruined fundamentally."

They will be injected with small amounts of live Aids virus to see if they build up antibodies, US regulators approved the vaccine on Monday.

Aids, which strikes mostly homosexuals and intravenous drug users, kills by robbing the body of its immune response.

It's useful!

An old man takes advantage of one of the many fallen trees from the storm that hit Europe in the end of February, in Paris's Bois de Boulogne. (Reuter wirephoto)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Iran holiday for Azeris

NICOSIA, March 14, (Reuter): Officials in Soviet Azerbaijan, where Azeris have been agitating for closer ties with their Iranian kin, have declared the start of the Iranian new year, Now Rouz, a national holiday, Iran's news agency said.

The decision, made by the supreme council of Azerbaijan's Soviet republic, was announced by Baku radio today, the agency said.

Ms Lehmann, whose central themes were love, betrayal, family rivalries, and sexual passion, died on Monday at her home in London. She was 89. No cause of death was given. (AP)

#### Texas nominates oilman-rancher

Millionaire oilman-rancher Clayton Williams has won the Republican nomination for governor of Texas in his first bid for office. State treasurer Ann Richards and attorney general Jim Mattox finished atop the democratic primary field and will meet in an April 10 runoff.

"When we began this journey, there weren't a whole lot of folks who gave us a shot at the governor's office," a jubilant Williams told supporters in Austin Tuesday night. "In the words of that world famous philosopher Jackie Gleason, 'How sweet it is.' (AP)

#### Romanians flood Austria

Thousands of Romanians swarmed into Austria yesterday in a last-minute race to beat visa curbs as the Vienna parliament debated controversial new entry rules.

Poles in the eastern province of Burgenland said 5,000 Romanians had driven into the country since Tuesday evening, more than the total since the start of the year. (Reuter)

#### British novelist dead

Novelist Rosamond Lehmann, who published her first book, "Dusty Answer," to critical plaudits in 1927 and won wide acclaim for her 1953 novel "The Echoing Grove," has died. Her family announced yesterday.

Ms Lehmann, whose central themes were love, betrayal, family rivalries, and sexual passion, died on Monday at her home in London. She was 89. No cause of death was given. (AP)

#### 54 Pakistanis arrested

An Army patrol detained 54 Pakistanis on Tuesday after they entered Greece illegally by crossing the Evros River on the Turkish border, authorities said.

Several of the Pakistanis told police that they had each paid \$600 to a gang of Turks who promised them jobs in Greece, said a police spokesman in the northeastern border town of Alexandroupolis.

#### Ambulance dispute is over

A six-month pay dispute that crippled British ambulance services was settled on Tuesday when the 22,500-member work force accepted a new deal offered by

#### Wanted

# Allies object to Soviet arms monitor

WASHINGTON, March 14, (AP): Allied objections to Soviet monitors at weapons plants and ports forced the United States to change a formula for policing a treaty to reduce Soviet tanks and troops in Europe, a senior US government official said yesterday.

The revised verification package will be presented later this year in Vienna as negotiators for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Warsaw Pact would hold their sixth round of talks on a treaty designed for signing this year.

Whether the goal is achieved could depend on how the Soviets respond to the Western proposal. "The ball is in their court," said the US official who outlined the latest developments on the condition he would not be identified.

## Judge sets Noriega's trial date in early 1991

MIAMI, March 14, (AP): The federal judge in the drug-trafficking case against Gen. Manuel Noriega yesterday set an early 1991 trial date and issued a sweeping order on the handling of classified national security information by attorneys.

The protective order issued yesterday by US district Judge William Hoeveler could hinder defence attorneys seeking access to thousands of documents they say will corroborate their claim that the deposed Panamanian ruler acted with CIA approval for many years.

Yesterday, Hoeveler set Jan. 28, 1991, as the trial date for Noriega and four co-defendants. A Noriega defence attorney called it a "realistic date" but said the trial would probably be delayed.

Hoeveler's 12-page protective order sets comprehensive ground rules defining what may be considered classified national security information in the Noriega case under the Classified Information Procedures Act of 1980.

Noriega's attorneys must get court approval before seeing any government documents marked "confidential," "secret," "top secret" or "sensitive compartmented information," the judge wrote.

Also restricted is classified information from any federal agency that deals with national security.

Information in books, newspapers and other publications are similarly restricted. If the published reports include confirmation by someone with access to classified information and if the Justice Department believes it could affect national security, Hoeveler wrote.

The ruling could be a blow to the defence, which has maintained that volumes of information published in newspapers and recent book about Noriega's role in US foreign policy and the war on drugs is already common knowledge and should be allowed as evidence at the trial.

The US dealt with its allies' concern about the intrusive monitoring scheme by abandoning the controversial portion.

The US official said virtually all the Nato allies objected to having "the KGB standing there"—a reference to allowing Soviet or other Warsaw Pact inspectors to be stationed at weapons plants or to check arms coming into or out of European ports.

That, he said, would reveal to the Soviets information about the manufacture and delivery of Western arms that the allies wanted to keep secret.

The United States accepted a similar arrangement at US plants and ports to police a 1988

treaty with the Soviet Union to ban intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

But when it came to intrusive inspection in Europe under the conventional forces treaty "the allies felt the United States was pushing them too hard on the right of manufacturers and their national rights," the official said.

He added: "They were most insistent on these points... that set of proposals went absolutely nowhere in Europe."

The emerging accord calls for sharp reductions in Soviet tanks and artillery in Eastern and Central Europe and a ceiling of 195,000 Soviet troops in the region. There would be much smaller cutbacks in US tanks and troops.

The United States could keep 195,000 soldiers and airmen in West Germany, Belgium,

the Netherlands, Denmark and Luxembourg, and an additional 30,000 in other Nato countries.

President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev have set as a goal that the 16 Nato allies and the seven Warsaw Pact countries sign the treaty at a 35-nation summit meeting.

But several issues remain unresolved, including the procedure to guard against cheating.

The task is awesome. It involves policing the vast expanse of Europe—from the Ural Mountains in the Soviet Union to the Atlantic Ocean—to make sure limits on tanks and armoured personnel carriers, anti-aircraft artillery, airplanes, helicopters and troops are honoured.



Castro addresses students of the University of Havana. (Reuter wirephoto)

## No concessions Castro declares

# 'I won't be good boy'

"Never, that's the word," Castro said.

"No revolution that ever makes concessions can save itself," he added.

Castro defiantly has rejected the Western-leaning reforms being embraced by Cuba's former allies in Eastern Europe and insists Cuba will never abandon its one-party communist system.

Castro said his trip to Brazil would show that Cuba was not becoming internationally isolated by the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe.

"Tele-aggression" is just one of the epithets that Castro uses in denouncing the US plan.

Ramon Sanchez Parodi, a vice-foreign minister, says Cuba is considering a range of retaliatory measures for TV Marti, including curtailing travel and telephone communications between Cuba and the United States.

Another possibility is that Cuba, with the use of high-powered transmitters, will interfere with US radio broadcasts.

national security adviser to then-president Reagan in December 1985, shortly after the arms-sale deal began. Until then he was deputy to Robert McFarlane.

North testified that he and McFarlane were the first to know of the plan to provide Tehran arms in hopes of winning freedom for Americans held hostage by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

But North said he did keep Poindexter generally apprised of his activities in the plan.

## Aylwin: Pinochet no worry

SANTIAGO, March 14, (Reuters): New Chilean President Patricio Aylwin said yesterday he was not concerned about former military strongman General Augusto Pinochet staying on at the head of the 60,000-soldier army.

"Chile's problem is not whether General Pinochet steps down or remains commander-in-chief of the army," Aylwin told a news conference two days after taking office.

"Chileans have more urgent problems to resolve," he added, citing housing, health and education.

Aylwin, a 71-year-old Christian Democrat, became president on Sunday, ending 16 1/2 years of harsh military rule under Pinochet.

Leaders of Aylwin's centre-left coalition had charged the general was planning to hold onto power in the army and would be a permanent threat to Chile's new found democracy.

"There won't be any shortage of advice for me, I know what it will be in advance, I know it by heart," he said.

The Cuban leader added that he expected some other leaders to tell him that he should "behave himself, be a good boy, make concessions."

"Should we make concessions?" he asked the crowd, which the rally organisers said totalled more than 40,000. "No," they roared.

## North knew about Iran arms sale before Poindexter

WASHINGTON, March 14, (Reuters): Former White House aide Oliver North testified yesterday that he knew about the covert US plan to sell arms to Iran before it was revealed to the former high-ranking Ronald Reagan aide now on trial for allegedly covering it up.

North, the retired marine colonel who was a force in the scheme to sell Iran weapons and divert profits to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, was cross-examined by defence lawyers eager to show John Poindexter did not make key decisions.

Poindexter is on trial on five charges involving lying to Congress or obstructing congressional investigation of the Iran-Contra affair when it began to leak out in late 1986.

Prosecutors say he was at the heart of the secret White House plan to sell arms to Iran in exchange for US hostages and divert the proceeds to the Contras at a time when this was outlawed by Congress.

The resulting scandal shook the Reagan White House.

Poindexter, a retired rear admiral, became

### Tornado kills one

A tornado swept through Hesston town on Tuesday evening, killing at least one person and destroying up to 15 homes and businesses, authorities said.

"It took a direct hit and there is major damage," said a dispatcher with the Kansas highway patrol in Wichita.

A man was killed when a chimney and fireplace collapsed into a basement where he and his family were huddled during the storm, said Harvey county sheriff's investigator Byron Motter.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Army clears women soldiers:** Two women soldiers who balked at driving US troops into an area of heavy fighting in Panama will not be disciplined, the army said yesterday, reporting its inquiry found there was no "order given and subsequently refused."

The US Army has determined that disciplinary action is not warranted in the case of two female drivers who expressed reservations about driving combat troops into Panama City, several hours into the first day of operation Just Cause, the army said in a statement issued from Panama.

A "commander's inquiry" was called after reports in January that the two women had refused to drive troops into a combat area during the Dec. 20 invasion of Panama. Some news reports said tears were shed. (UPI)

**Contrab can be disbanded by April 25:** A special UN representative on Nicaragua expressed confidence that the Contra rebels can be disbanded by the April 25 inauguration of president-elect Violeta Chamorro.

Elliot Richardson, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's special representative on the Nicaraguan election process, said a developing UN-sponsored plan to disarm and eventually re-settle the US-backed Contras will guarantee their security.

"I think that practical safeguards for their demobilization can be provided," he told a news conference. (AP)

**Quayle arrives in Argentina:** US Vice President Dan Quayle arrived yesterday for a 20-hour visit in Buenos Aires.

Air Force 2 touched down at 2:45 pm (1645 GMT) at Ezeiza international airport. Quayle, his wife and travelling committee of several dozen were greeted by Vice President Eduardo Duhalde and US Ambassador Terence Todman.

Quayle was to confer with President Carlos Menem at government house, then meet with legislators at Congress. No formal announcement or communiqué was planned. (AP)

**Anti-crime sweep in Panama:** More than 1,500 Panamanian and US forces sealed off a Panama City slum yesterday and arrested 145 people in a search for drugs, weapons and fugitives, officials said.

Vice President Ricardo Arias Calderon said the sweep of the San Miguelito district, with a population of more than 100,000 people, was part of an ongoing effort dubbed "rescue of tranquility" and aimed at curbing a crime wave which has swept Panama City since the US invasion last

December.

A spokesman for the US southern command said 250 American troops had assisted in the operation, manning roadblocks and sealing off the area. (Reuters)

**Missile test-fired off Florida:** A US Navy Trident II test missile was fired from a submerged submarine on a demonstration and shakedown cruise off the coast of Florida, the Defence Department announced.

The announcement said the fleet ballistic missile was launched Sunday night from the USS Pennsylvania, the second Ohio class nuclear-powered submarine built specifically to carry the missile.

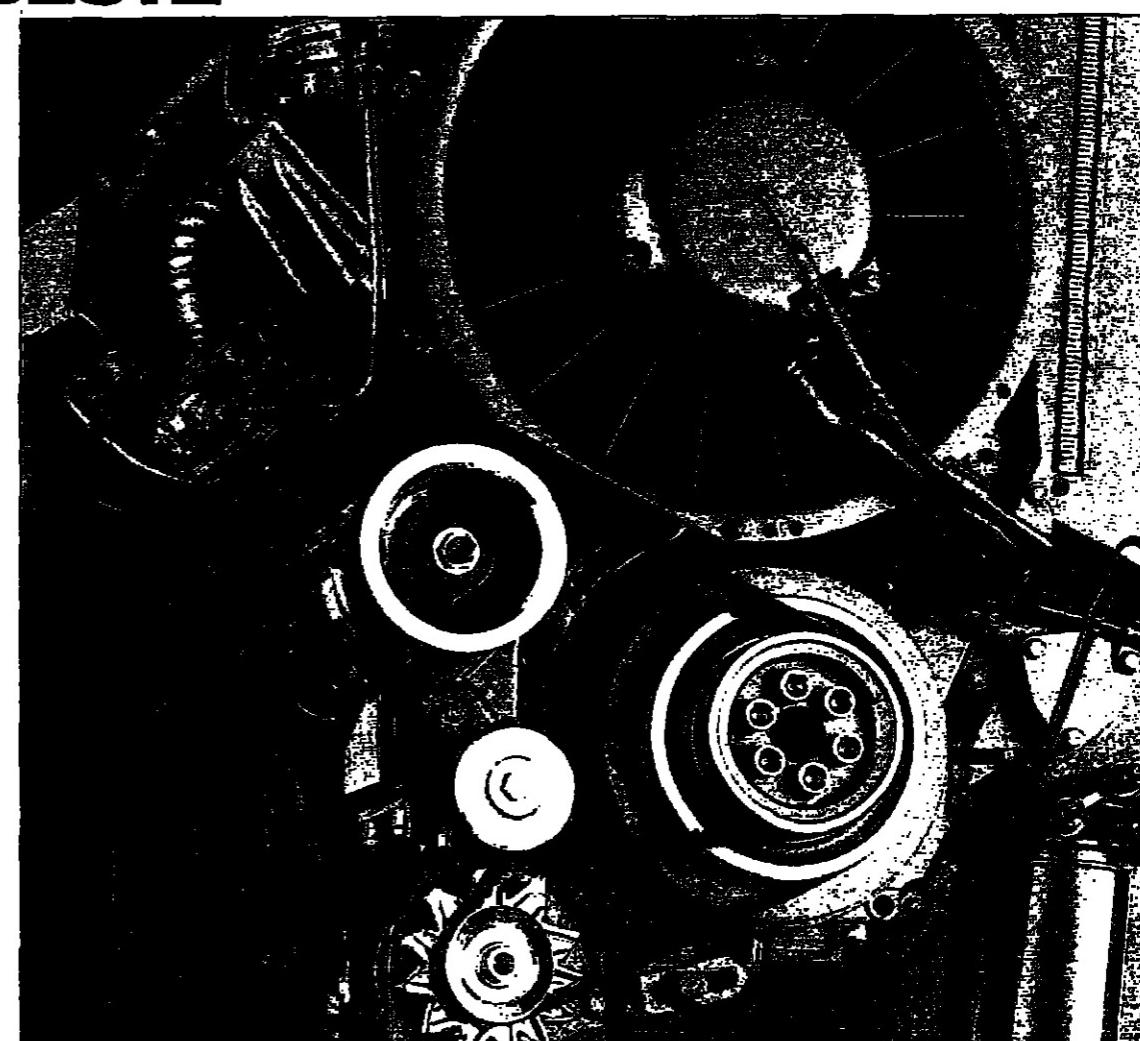
It was the 30th flight of the missile since January 1987, and was the second to be launched during a demonstration and shakedown operation, designed to test the ability of the crew to handle, maintain and operate the weapons system. (AP)

**Retail station:**

US President Bush shakes hands with Ford Motor Company chairman Harold Poling (right) as an unidentified Sunoco gas station attendant looks on at the station. Bush was given a demonstration of the first retail station in the DC area to dispense methanol fuel and of a Ford alternate-fuels car. (Reuters)



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# KU students union call for charter modification

## 370 suspended in last semester

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY National Students Union held an open meeting with Dr Shuaib Abdullah Al Shuaib, the university rector recently at the cafeteria of the Arts College in Keifan.

Union leader, Naser Al Enzi making the opening speech at the meeting called upon the university administration to implement measures to resolve the problems created by the 1986 charter for university students and demanded a stop to student suspension from the university and called for giving them adequate opportunities to improve upon their academic standing.

Shuaib, however, said that statistics indicated that a total of 370 students had

been suspended from the university during the last academic semester and commented that this number is not catastrophic.

He added that the university administration is studying the charter and it will not adopt any modifications before conducting an indepth study. The official commented that we should not place the entire blame on the charter, but pointed out that students are also highly responsible. He indicated that there are a number of students who still attend colleges for as long as 10 years and underscored the fact that this is unacceptable.

Regarding the methods applied at the university in recording students' academic standings at graduation, he said that the

currently implemented method is a part of the credit hours system. He stressed that cancellation of the speciality warning is not yet approved from both the deans' council and the university council. Many students who have received university warning notes have been given another chance. He pointed out that clearly there is a good chance that this will be cancelled.

A member of the university administrative staff at the Sciences Society stated that the university still lacks the adequate definition of academic development. He stressed that such developments should be carried out on four important basis namely, instructor, educational facilities, university administration and students.

He added that the university administration looks at students as if they were the cause behind the problems at the university, which is in his understanding. He pointed out that experimentation is the correct method to be followed adding that the university charter was a failure and that there is no reason why it should not be modified.

He also talked about the role played by the charter in the infiltration of students belonging to 1986 batch.

A student called upon the university administration to set a final date for presenting suggestions and proposals of guidance and supervisory offices regarding the modification of the charter.

Shuaib, however, said that statistics indicated that a total of 370 students had

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Housing council

KUWAIT, March 14. (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah yesterday presided over a meeting of the Supreme Housing Council.

The council's Secretary-General Ibrahim Majid Al Shaheen told Kuna that today's meeting reviewed the agenda and endorsed minutes of the previous meeting.

He said the council further discussed a report presented by the policy and planning committee on classifications and areas of land plots to be included in the fifth four-year housing plan.

Al Shaheen said the council also discussed proposals in line with HH Sheikh Saad's directives to minimize the waiting period for those who applied for housing care.

### Culture session

KUWAIT, March 14. (Kuna): State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed yesterday chaired the 32nd session of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters.

The council's Secretary-General Dr Farouk Al Omar said that the conferees debated cultural agreements between Kuwait and other countries and recommended the launching of a comprehensive study on the country's benefit from such accords by the general secretariat.

The council discussed the proposal for establishing a cultural centre for children and recommended speeding up its establishment among other issues.

### French envoy

PARIS, March 14. (Kuna): Jean-Pierre Guyot, current French envoy in Zambia, has been appointed ambassador in the Sultanate of Oman, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

The 61-year-old diplomat has previously served as deputy consul in Cairo from 1971 until 1973 and as Deputy Consul and advisor in Beirut from 1973 until 1975.

Guyot, a graduate from the Institute of Islamic Studies of the University of Paris and of the National School of Oriental Languages (Arab), will replace Charles Jeantet.

### King received

RIYADH, March 14. (Kuna): Saudi Arabian Crown Prince and Chief of the National Guards Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz yesterday received at his office British Secretary of State for Defence Tom King.

King also met with the Second Deputy Premier, Defence and Aviation Minister and Inspector General Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz where they held talks on issues of mutual interest.

The meeting was attended by senior officials on both sides.

### GCC talks

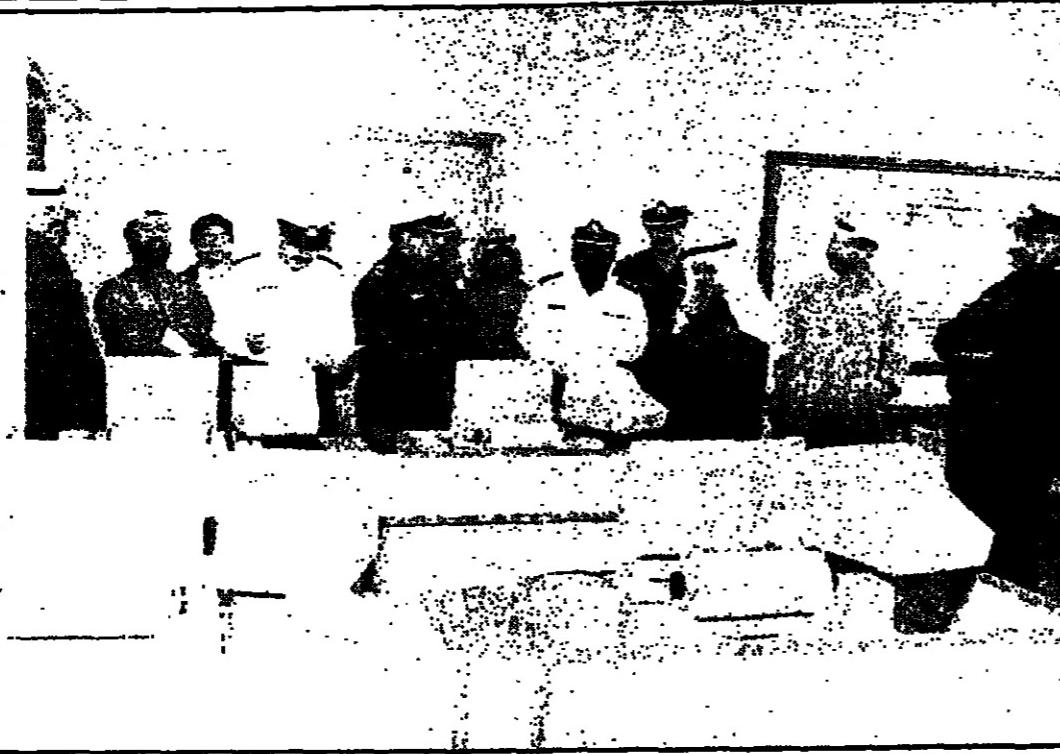
RIYADH, March 14. (Kuna): Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Esmat Abdel Meguid last night paid a visit to the Gulf Co-operation Council secretariat general headquarters.

Abdel Meguid held talks with GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Yaqoub Bishara on the mass exodus of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine, in addition to issues of interest to the Arab world.

After the meeting, the Egyptian top official said that he briefed Bishara on the latest contacts carried out by Egypt with the US and other concerned parties to establish peace in the Middle East.

### Saudi loan

RIYADH, March 14. (Kuna): Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saudi Al Faisal and Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Esmat Abdul Meguid, co-chairmen of the second session of the joint Saudi-Egyptian commission, were present at the signing here yesterday of an agreement between their countries to promote cooperation in economic, commercial, investment and technical spheres.



**Naval delegation at Paat**

A delegation from the Kuwait Navy paid an inspection visit to the Telecommunication and Air Navigation Centre of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Paat). The visiting delegation was received by the director of the centre Jassim Al Zink and a number of officials at the centre.

## No price hike during Ramadan, says Noon

### Utilisation of surplus vegetables

THE chairman of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Agro-productive Societies Barrak Naser Al Noon has said that the price of vegetables and other agro-products, particularly tomatoes will not increase during the month of Ramadan. Credit should be given to the consistent efforts exerted by Kuwaiti farmers which guaranteed the ability to meet all market demand during this period, the official said.

Speaking at a press conference held yesterday on the implementation of the co-operative marketing system national agro-products he said that the union is currently involved in extensive studies to set up factories in the country that could utilise the surplus of national agro-products, such as tomatoes, particularly if local produce exceeded market demand.

The system was put in operation last Thursday, and this required reaching an agreement with a number of refrigeration companies which could provide refrigerated transport services around the country from production sites to marketing platforms.

### Packaging

Noon added that this would also require the paper packaging services without any price increase, in a bid to provide the consumer with the best possible service and keep the product fresh as long as possible.

He added that arrangements had been taken to provide refrigerated transport vans to transfer the produce on a daily basis from Wafra and Abdaly, and that union staff had been put in charge of

loading and unloading in return for symbolic fees. He said that the vegetables market would be open to receive the continuous supply of fresh produce from five in the evening till five the next morning, where union staff would seek to sell the stuff on behalf of the farmer by a bidding system to ensure the best possible price and a 3 per cent commission to cover administrative expenses.

The union has several years of experience in the field of marketing derived from the multiple visits carried to different countries of the world, such as Egypt, India, Morocco and others, based on which the new marketing system had been developed and upgraded.

### System

He added that the successful operation of the new system would result in better services to both farmers and consumers, while the union's main objectives remained to offer the best services to consumers and at the same time provide all possible aid to the development of the agro-productive sector in the country, in response to the directives of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He paid high tribute to the support and role played by the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Authority's chairman and director general Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah, and the support rendered to the union by the acting director general of Kuwait Municipality Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber Al Ali in providing needed facilities and meeting farmers' needs.



**Symposium**

On the occasions of Luthansa and Deutsche Klinik for Diagnostic Medical Symposium, an update of the latest developments in the field of healthcare in Germany was given at a press conference held at the Sheraton Hotel Tuesday. Touristic information on Germany and the City of Weisbaden was also given. Picture shows some representatives.

## Shaheen praises new housing care system

GENERAL Director of the National Housing Authority, Dr Ibrahim Majid Al Shaheen praised the new housing care system. He added that the new system modifies and resolves most issues linked with housing systems offered by the government to citizens.

He indicated that the system will provide citizens with many incentives, particularly those who are interested in putting their money in providing their families housing care after obtaining government plots.

He stated that distribution of housing replacements is carried out according to the date of application registration adding that orphans have special priority.

He pointed out that parents who have been issued approvals for buildings are not permitted to demand change of housing nor change of area, unless special reasons are provided.

He explained that housing care has ensured housing rights for Kuwaiti families consisting of father, mother and children. He indicated that individuals married to two wives are not permitted another house. Divorced wives have the right to share their husbands housing if they have custody of the children. He added that if children are in the custody of the father then divorced wives have no right to demand a share in the house.

## CSC still appointing expatriate employees

### MOE to hire more Kuwaitis

By James Amin

THREE methods have been proposed by the Ministry of Planning to achieve the main goals of comprehensive administrative development and carry out policies of administrative development in the private sector, according to a local daily.

Sources said that these suggestions have been proposed to follow up reports made by the ministry on applications of policies of the present five-year plan 85/1990. These suggestions include the preparation of a new system to classify jobs at the public sector, redistribution of public servants over departments that suffer from shortage and to formulate a comprehensive plan for administrative training.

The sources explained that the Civil Service Commission stressed its obligation towards the application of decisions of the Civil Service Council about prohibiting the appointment of non-Kuwaitis in government jobs that are subjected to the supervision of the commission. The

commission said that it is still appointing non-Kuwaitis in service jobs and handicrafts that are not preferred by Kuwaitis. Reports of the commission added that 4014 Kuwaiti employees were appointed in the government sector between 1/1/88 and 30/6/89 of which 2803 were males and 1211 females. The reports added that 56 per cent of these recruits were carrying university degrees and 22 per cent were illiterates.

Teachers

The reports added that Kuwaitis who were appointed from the beginning of the present Five Year Plan totalled 64534 employees and non-Kuwaitis employees were 7936. The Kuwaitis working in clerical jobs increased by 3087 employees during last year out of 6807 employees while Kuwaitis working in technical jobs reduced to 1511 employees last year. The reports added that 5195 non-Kuwaiti public servants resigned including 1040 teachers and 1702 working in the ministry. This greatly lifted the ratio of the Kuwaiti teachers at the Education Ministry from 30.1 per cent in 1985 to 38.4 per cent in 1989.

Meanwhile, well informed sources announced yesterday

### Zakat House

## Over KD 60,000 paid to families

THE director of Public Relations and Information at the Kuwait Zakat House Abdul Rahman Al Kandari has said that the house is deeply committed and concerned to spend Zakat money (Islamic alms) in the right Islamic channels, whether by supporting needy families, financing Islamic projects or funding charity enterprises and campaigns.

He told a local daily that the total number of families receiving help from the house during the last year reached 911 and the overall value of money given to these families reached KD601,737, besides irregular payments given once for 6156 families with a total value of KD1,997,000.

He said that the house had endorsed a total of KD248,000 as interest-free loans that went to 156 families, and that 262 others benefitted from KD81,000 taken from the students' fund at the house in addition to KD49,000 paid to 148 families from the prisoners' fund.

### Rehabilitation

Kandari, said that the house gave primary concern to supporting needy families, and that the number of such families who receive regular help and financial support from the house since its establishment had increased to 400, adding that the house had contributed generously to the training and rehabilitation of many family breadwinners through special-purpose courses five of which had been held during 1989 in which 130 women participated.

He said that the house also proffered financial support to Zakat-collecting committees to enable them to perform their charitable task optimally, and that 15 such committee received a total of KD180,000 during the same year.

He said that the house also supported co-ops and local institutions in their effort to serve the community and that the amount of money so far paid to such institutions reached KD123,000.

He said that the house received moral donations from charity givers and generous donors, individuals and companies, which would later be distributed among the needy, underpaid and people in dire circumstances, adding that a total of 85,000 people benefited from these moral donations constituting a total 12,216 families.

### Meals

The Fitr-Zakat collection project served 3,331 families last year where the total number of individuals reached 23,225, and donations included rice, meat, powder milk and others Kandari said.

He added that the house funded Iftar banquets held in 49 mosques last Ramadan, in which 135,600 meals were offered to fasting worshippers, on an average daily 4520 people and that the total amount of money spent for this purpose reached KD113,000.

He said that under the sacrifice meat distribution project 648 sacrifices were distributed inside Kuwait to 1,174 families, and under the orphan care project, supported by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, 1,667 orphans benefited from this project, besides a similar project providing financial support to financially unable people.

He said that the house supervised the construction of 1,055 Islamic projects abroad, of which 358 were contracted last year, and the total amount spent on these projects reached KD1,046,000.

He added that these projects included boring wells, setting up shelters, constructing mosques, schools, Islamic centres, orphanages and others.



**Bella Italia!**

Chefs Manuel and Roberto from Italy are presenting a new style in Italian dining at Kuwait International Hotel until 21st March. It ranges from an unlimited selection of pasta, Mediterranean seafood and desserts. Bellissimo!



# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

NOTHING is more unjust or capricious than public opinion — William Hazlitt, English essayist (1778-1830).

### After years of eyeballing

## Shooting on the rise in Kashmir

CHAKOTHI CHECKPOINT, Pakistan, (Reuters): Indian and Pakistani troops spend long hours shooting at one another these days at Chakothi Checkpoint in Kashmir, where a narrow river divides disputed territory controlled by each side.

The two armies have been eyeballing each other across the uneasy ceasefire line for years and things normally quieten down each winter when snow caps the Himalays.

But not this year. Nearly 200 people have been killed since mid-January in India's state of Jammu and Kashmir, where militants have demanded the Muslim-majority state be given independence or be made part of Pakistan.

#### Protesters

On the Pakistani side, some 5,000 Kashmiri protesters gathered in Chakothi on Feb 11. When some tried to rush across the rickety suspension bridge spanning the ceasefire line, Indian troops opened fire, killing three people and hurting dozens.

The night before two militants had sneaked over from Pakistan and planted a red and green flag high in a pine tree on the Indian side. The flag represented a militant group seeking an end to Indian rule of Jammu and Kashmir.

Since then Indian soldiers have been trying each night, under cover of darkness, to pull the flag down, but they are driven away every time by bursts of gunfire from Pakistani soldiers across the river.

"They have been firing night and day," Capt. Basat Nawaz Latif, who commands 80 soldiers guarding the Pakistani side, said recently.

"We have to retaliate," the 27-year-old officer said in a bunker with a view of the fluttering flag.

A few minutes earlier, Indian soldiers in bunkers on a snow-topped mountain 500 metres (yards) away had stopped shooting after around five hours of intermittent firing.

"They are after us and we are after them because of this flag incident," Basat said, heading off through a trench ankle-deep in cold rain water.

#### Honour

"They want to remove it but our people have lost their lives. Because of this we do not want them to take it. It is a matter of honour for both sides."

Pakistan and India have fought two wars over Kashmir. The unrest this year in Jammu and Kashmir, which New Delhi blames on Islamabad, has raised tension between the two nations and sparked fears they could go to war for a third time over the dispute.

Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on Sunday told a meeting called to discuss the unrest that Pakistan was ready for unconditional talks with India to solve the dispute.

When India gained independence from Britain and Pakistan was created in 1947, Kashmir's Hindu prince opted to join India.

But by 1949 Pakistan controlled a third of the territory. The United Nations resolution that year urged a plebiscite to determine Kashmir's status, but it has never been held.

India says the whole state is an integral part of its territory. But Islamabad wants the UN-mandated plebiscite to be held.

#### Reinforced

Last year UN observers monitoring the 1,400 km (870-mile) ceasefire line counted 600 shooting incidents between the two armies.

An army source in Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, or Azad Kashmir, said India had recently reinforced its side of the ceasefire line, occupying bunkers normally left empty. There was also evidence, he said, of Indian forces bringing heavier weapons closer to the border.

So far, the clashes have been confined to heavy machine guns. But diplomats and Pakistani officials fear more incidents like the one in Chakothi last month could spark a wider conflict.

The president of Azad Kashmir, Sardar Abdul Qayyum Khan, has threatened to lead thousands of Kashmiris against the line, but his government in Muzaffarabad is urging restraint.

Army headquarters there have ordered troops to construct barricades to stop further incursions and have asked the government of Azad Kashmir to break up demonstrations before they get too close to the ceasefire line.

But people in Chinari, a village seven km (4.5 miles) from Chakothi, said Pakistani Kashmiris would try again.

"When the snow melts there will be more fighting. We are preparing our younger generation and we will definitely go there," cloth seller Mir Abdul Latif said.

"We do not accept the ceasefire line," said Mirza Ayyaz, standing beside the grave of his 16-year-old brother Mirza Sajjad Anjum who died at Chakothi.

"We are still five brothers and we are ready to die for the cause of Kashmiri liberation."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 44 BC — Roman dictator Julius Caesar is assassinated.
- 1560 — Huguenot conspiracy at Amboise fails to rescue King Francis II of France from Guise factions, and Prince of Conde subsequently is imprisoned by the Duke of Guise.
- 1603 — Samuel de Champlain, French navigator and explorer, sails for the New World.
- 1776 — US Congress resolves that authority of British crown should be suppressed.
- 1874 — France assumes protectorate over central Indo-China region of Annam, which breaks off vassalage to China.
- 1894 — France and Germany agree on boundaries between French Congo and Cameroons.
- 1903 — British conquest of northern Nigeria is complete.
- 1916 — US force of 12,000 soldiers under General J. Pershing is ordered to Mexico to capture revolutionary leader Pancho Villa.
- 1921 — Rwanda, East Africa, is ceded to Britain by Belgium.
- 1943 — Japanese planes attack Darwin, Australia, in World War II.
- 1962 — US military training personnel in South Vietnam exchange fire with communist guerrilla forces.
- 1969 — Fighting breaks out between Soviet and Chinese forces along border of those two nations.
- 1973 — US and Soviet envoys begin fourth round of Salt talks in Vienna, Austria, on limiting arms.
- 1987 — Bomb explodes on railway bridge in southern India, sending passenger train crashing into river bed, killing at least 22 people.
- 1988 — Israeli authorities impose travel ban on Palestinians in occupied territories.
- 1989 — Soviet Union's President Mikhail S. Gorbachev calls for rapid measures to ease chronic Soviet food shortages.

Britain takes behind the scenes action

## Defence spending under review

LONDON, (AP): Officially, it's business as usual in Britain, but behind the scenes, defense is under review.

A new nuclear arsenal is being built on schedule, defense spending is steady and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has not abandoned the idea that West Germany should install new short-range nuclear missiles.

She remains the most outspoken hawkish of the Nato leaders, but officials say she has quietly initiated a review of defense policy and spending.

In January, Mrs Thatcher set up an informal group of four cabinet ministers, including herself, to consider the issue.

"There's an acceptance there will be change," said a senior government source, speaking privately, but there is no sign of swift cuts and no talk of dismantling Britain's independent nuclear arsenal.

#### Reaffirmed

Britain reaffirmed in January it will replace its aging submarine-based nuclear missiles with a \$10 billion US Trident system, as planned, and military spending will remain at about 4 per cent of gross national products through 1992.

Thatcher is resisting pressure for disarmament following the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe.

"We must keep up the level of our defenses, both conventional and nuclear weapons, and not make changes until they are agreed with Nato and at the conventional forces in Europe," arms reduction talks in Vienna, she told Parliament in February.

She was lukewarm about President George Bush's proposal Jan 31 to reduce US and Soviet forces in Central Europe to 195,000 each.

Opposition parties accuse her of trying to invent new threats or fretting about the resurgence of old ones, like a united Germany.

"The British government, alone of governments in Nato and the Warsaw Pact, seems actively to resent the challenge presented by the ending of the cold war," said Gerald Kaufman, foreign affairs spokesman for the opposition Labour Party.

#### Caution

Most Britons apparently share Mrs Thatcher's caution. A national opinion poll in January indicated 63 per cent believed Britain should not reduce military spending despite the changes in the Soviet bloc, and 76 per cent felt Britain should retain at least some nuclear weapons as long as the Soviets do.

Defense analysts foresee a cut of up to one-third in the 155,000-member army, including the phased withdrawal of many of the 66,700 British soldiers in West Germany, the largest foreign contingent after the Americans.

Other likely targets for cutbacks are the four European fighter aircraft and the British-made Challenger 2 tank.

Such cuts will cost jobs and could have a psychological effect on a nation that, despite having lost



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an empire, still sees itself as a middle-ranked world power.

Even the conservative Daily Telegraph recognizes change must come.

"A review of Britain's continental commitment, the cornerstone of defense policy since 1945, has become inevitable," it said editorially. "The Germans do not want to see any more."

**Traffic violations**

SIR: I would like once again to draw the attention of esteemed authorities of this country to the traffic situation on the streets and roads of Kuwait. Undoubtedly, much has been written and said on the subject.

However, in my opinion, nobody looked at the fact that by enforcing the traffic rules in this country would benefit greatly, and not only in intangible terms of reducing the number of traffic accidents and the number of traffic fatalities.

Why, with at least two thirds of the drivers blatantly disregarding traffic rules and regulations a few strategically positioned traffic policemen would do absolutely wonders for the country's economy. And no increase in the force is necessary. The officers that are now located in desolate spots of the highways, or gazing at bottlenecks on some roundabouts could be moved, for example, to major intersections. The income from even a slight KD10 fine for a driver making a turn from the wrong lane would soon rival the oil revenues. And I am not even touching on many other aspects like running red lights, exceeding the speed limits or dangerous driving. Don't take away their licence — fine them, and there will be a great new source of income for social programmes.

Nina Gima,  
Safat.

**Bus route 33**

SIR: I appreciate the efforts made by KPTC in introducing some new routes in view of growing demand for public transport. Route 33 is one of them. But to my surprise, this route is very complicated and time consuming and strange enough to say like merry-go-round, since it runs from Jane after Jane. It appears KPTC has gone to the extent of replacing its every commuter at his doorstep, therein totally ignoring the time factor involved in the journey. Moreover, besides running late to late, it tries to satisfy the commuters going to Safat bus depot, before coming to Sharja Jaima (GPO). As a result the bus takes 30-40 minutes to reach

from Faiba to Sharja Jaima.

Secondly, a commuter cannot rely on the buses plying on this route because the interval of buses plying is very poor and irregular. Most of the time, it keeps commuters stranded even more than 30 minutes. This is making this route very irritating, and I could see the poor helpless commuters complaining almost every day. Frankly-speaking, travelling on this route is a sheer waste of time. The problem is, KPTC tried to please all the commuters by this route and eventually ended up in pleasing none.

I request KPTC to re-arrange this route and make it more simple and viable so that the commuters can always rely on it and of course can really be proud of your services.

Peter Colaco,  
Safat.

**Approb activities**

SIR: I have noticed since the last few weeks reports on lots of activities to be organised by Approb. For we Pakistanis, it's a matter of pride. I believe that anyone who does not love his home and country cannot love humanity in general. If our desire is to be virtuous, then we should try to love our country, but we should not be so blind with patriotism that we can't face reality. We should always consider wrong to be wrong — no matter who does it or says it. I sincerely hope that Approb follows this advice and sets an example for the others.

Since my childhood, I have been reading and hearing about Allam Iqbal. Javed Nama, one of his poems addressed to his son, was a part of our school syllabus, who is now going to visit Kuwait. This accomplished and virtuous son of Dr Iqbal is internationally renowned and well known in the Islamic world. I recently got hold of his personal achievements, which I thought might be interesting for thousands of your readers from the subcontinent who are anxiously looking forward to his visit.

Javed Iqbal, as I know him, was Chief Justice Punjab High Court, and elevated as Justice of the Supreme Court in 1986. He also represented Pakistan as a delegate to United Nations in 1960/61 and 1971/72. Kuwait, being the current chairman of Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) under His Highness Tariq Al-Amir, should be happy to see him here being the selected member of the governing council of the Centre for the Preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage. He was elected the vice-chairman of the governing council.

Dr Iqbal has also shown keen interest on the plight of Turkish Muslim community in Bulgaria and was one of the keynote speakers to attend a conference on the subject organised by Istanbul Bar Association.

The seminar organised by Approb with Dr Iqbal and his wife Nasira Iqbal's participation is extraordinary and is a commendable attempt to educate our people on the Pakistan Movement.

If we can change the mentality of our people, then the country's political order and its economy can easily be corrected. There is a better person than Dr and Mrs Javed Iqbal to handle this task with sincerity of purpose and absolute integrity.

My friends and I through your newspaper, wish Dr and Mrs Javed Iqbal a warm welcome and a happy stay in Kuwait as a guest of Approb.

Shagufta Nazir & Sussan Colaco,  
Safat.

**Devalued values**

SIR: It is indeed a tragedy of our times that the values of morality and healthy social living stand have devolved. Man is concerned with the devolution of currencies, shares, stocks and debentures, than the devolution of his own character. New materialistic values have been introduced and utter selfishness takes care of crass materialism at the cost of one's conscience and morality.

For the achievement of 'so-called' higher standards of living, people have to and are actually paying a heavy price. They have to abandon family ties, friendship and decent closely-knit society where people would care for one another. Because now the policy you scratch my back, I scratch yours, is the motto.

The good old dictum of 'honesty is the best policy or love thy neighbour as thyself' are forgotten clichés and in time may become clichés.

Most of us achieved very high levels of self-centredness that we do not even care for other members of society but are interested only in self-betterment.

How can a person account for man's utter greed when he is hell bent to destroy the young children (the citizens of tomorrow's world), through cheap printed

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## Surviving Beirut-style

BEIRUT, (Reuters): They clutch torches to light their way up darkened stairways, crowd streets with water, dial one number for an hour to make a telephone call and jump from their flats at the sound of slamming door.

That is how the Beirut go through the day.

At night, they dance the lambada, as if they do not worry, at nightclubs to rock and pop music, eat at restaurants serving a wide variety of Oriental-Western food.

On their way home they drive through deserted pitch dark streets and stop at scores of army checkpoints.

"Don't ask how we survive, we don't represent, think we have become numb," said Nagib Shida, a university student.

In the Christian half of the capital, life goes on more grim.

**Destroyed**

More than a month of inter-Christian battles have destroyed entire neighbourhoods, killed more than 800 people and forced thousands to flee many to Muslim west Beirut.

The Christian heartland, previously dubbed Lebanon as their Monte Carlo, is like a ghost town at night. The streets are divided by huge earth barricades.

Beirut says they are desperate, and their fires show it like never before in 15 years of civil war.

Garbage piles litter street corners, power generators in the streets make deafening sounds and battered cars honk constantly to get through chaotic traffic jams.

A chronic power cut has deprived them of electricity, damage to pipes has cut water supply, anti-inter-Christian battles have destroyed most of the telephone lines.

The slamming of doors sends their hearts racing for it could be artillery shelling.

When they listen to news broadcasts on radio stations they shake their heads in dismay, electronic political debates that they know will not end the violence plaguing their lives.

**Profiling**

"We spend our time plotting how to spend our wash our clothes ... I have not read a book in more than three months because I spend my time trying to survive," said a university professor.

A middle-aged woman who worked outside a local militia official in West Beirut for five years complained that his wife had flat hair and buttoned-up clothes.

"Had they stolen jewellery or money, I would have to complain, but we are only going to buy gas," she said.

An Israeli blockade on a southern Lebanon railway has caused a shortage of gas supplies.

"But supermarket shelves are still stocked with caviar, champaigne, exotic fruits and wine."

Display windows at boutiques, hidden behind sandbags, show a colourful variety of the latest in fashion for both women and men, but owners say business is bad.

"The Lebanese have always been fashion conscious, but now they have to spend their money on buying power generators and digging wells, or trying to emigrate," one owner said.

"Those who have decided to stay can only try to survive — Beirut style."

# Hostages free when it suits Iran: Carter

CAIRO, March 14. (UPI): Former US president Jimmy Carter said yesterday that he believed Western hostages held in Lebanon will be released when Iran feels their freedom serves its national interests.

Carter also said he thought Syrian President Hafez Assad, Iran's only Arab ally, had a minimal influence in securing the release of the 18 hostages, who include eight US nationals.

On the current political crises in Israel, Carter said lasting peace would be best served if either a strong Likud, or a strong Labour government were to emerge after probable elections, rather than a stalemated coalition.

"In my opinion, I think that Iran does indeed play a substantive role in how long the hostages will be held," Carter told reporters after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"And my belief is that when and if Iran believes it is in its best interest to use its influence for the release of the hostages, they will be released... (but) I don't know when," Carter said.

"I think Syria has a minimal influence on when the hostages might be released," he said. "I think President Assad has made very strong efforts in the past to seek the release of the hostages."

"Even if the Likud should triumph and

have a clear control of the Israeli government, I think this might be better for a strong mutual peace they would have (under) a stalemated coalition government," he said.

Carter, currently on a four-nation Middle East peace tour which will also take him to Syria, Jordan, and Israel, said he will discuss the hostages issue in the capitals he visits.

Carter served as US president when Iranian radicals stormed the US embassy in Tehran in 1979 and held embassy staff, including 62 Americans, hostage until the election of Ronald Reagan two years later.

He also played a key mediating role in

the 1978 Camp David accords, which led to the 1979 Egypt-Israeli peace treaty. He arrived in Cairo on Monday.

The former US president said he believed there was still a good chance US-sponsored efforts to achieve Palestinian-Israeli dialogue might get off the ground, despite the fall of Israel's coalition government.

The basic parameters have been worked out. There's agreement among the Palestinians, the Egyptians, the Americans and, I think, more than half the Israelis. So I believe it's going to happen, (although) it may be delayed to some degree."

# Arabs decide not to press for Security Council meeting

Contacts under way to reconcile resolutions on influx

UNITED NATIONS, March 14. (Agencies): The Arab states have decided not to press now for a meeting of the Security Council on Russian-Jewish emigration to the occupied territories. Arab diplomats said last night.

Earlier yesterday.

Palestine Foreign Minister Farouk Kaddoumi is expected here shortly to take part in further consultations on the emigration question, Abulhassan confirmed.

One reason for the delay, Abulhassan said, are the political developments in Israel.

While he didn't rule out a council meeting in the near future, he said "it won't be this week."

Meanwhile, Security Council negotiations were under way to reconcile US, Soviet and Arab draft resolutions which criticise Israel's settlement of some Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied territories.

The Soviet Union — which originally requested the meeting

— Arab and most non-aligned states have denounced Israel's settlement of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied territories, saying it changes the demographics of a disputed area claimed by Palestinians as a future state, increases tension and makes Middle East peace settlement very difficult.

The United States, Israel's main ally, also is opposed to Israel's settlement policy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But the US criticism in its resolution is mild, expressing only "regret" at the new settlement, while the Soviet criticism is stronger, saying the council "deplores the illegal practices" of Israel in the new settlements.

Both US and Soviet drafts call upon the government of Israel to end the settlement of Soviet Jews in the territories occupied since the 1967 Middle East war.

The language of an Arab draft resolution condemned the settlements and was more strident, diplomats said. A British resolution was said to attempt to bridge the gap between various resolutions, seeking to avert a US veto of a resolution that it might deem too harsh.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has said that a "big Israel" was needed to accommodate a big immigration from the Soviet Union — a reference to the occupied territories which has enraged Arabs.

Israeli diplomats said only a tiny fraction of Soviet Jews — 126 in 1989 — settled in the territories and said that in the future only a very small number probably would move there.

In Tunis, Arab League ministerial council concluded its 93rd session yesterday after discussing emigration of the Soviet Jews and the US threats against Libya.

**Call to relax gag on influx**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 14. (Reuters): Israel's semi-governmental agency responsible for Jewish immigration has asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to ease censorship on Soviet Jewish migration to Israel, officials said today.

"The Jewish Agency might meet difficulties with fund raising organisations all over the world, which are expected to raise \$200 million a year," said Gad Ben Ari, spokesman for the Jewish Agency.



Israeli Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Housing David Levy speaks at a cornerstone-laying ceremony yesterday for a new Jewish neighbourhood in Arab East Jerusalem. Levy said that by 1991, 8,000 units would be built on the hillside facing two Arab villages. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cheney tells Tel Aviv

# Israel can count on US

WASHINGTON, March 14, (Kuna): The US Secretary of Defence, Dick Cheney, yesterday told Israel that "as we seek to promote a realistic peace process, Israel must know that it can count on the United States."

In a major policy address on the US-Israeli security relationship to a meeting of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), Cheney expressed his belief that "risks for peace can only be taken if Israel is confident about its security and the US commitment to it."

Cheney's statement and appearance was scheduled before the breakup of the Israeli coalition government yesterday, but on two occasions during his speech he sought to assure Israel of the American commitment while also expounding the nature and details of the US-Israeli relationship.

Amid much applause from the Jewish-American audience, Cheney asserted at another point, "let me assure you that this country's bedrock commitment to Israel's security is absolutely unshakable. And I mean absolutely. We have and always

will have a special relationship with Israel. I particularly want to say that in light of today's news about resignations from Israel's cabinet."

The defence secretary spoke in details about the US-Israeli security relationship, citing figures and programmes that are underway jointly by the two allies.

According to Cheney, the most important form of cooperation between the two countries involved shared information and planning.

He confirmed the generally-held belief that the two countries strategic ties "have become closer than they ever were in the 35 previous years since Israel independence."

He said, for example, the regular working groups that meet from the two sides, "tend to insulate long-term relationships from the disagreements that are bound to show up now and then among friends."

More concretely, Cheney noted the fact that Israel is slated to get 35 per cent of the adminis-

tration's fiscal 1991 budget request for security assistance.

In addition, Israel is due to begin taking delivery on its third order of F-16 aircraft in 1991, "and we expect the Israeli defence force to be getting its first Apache attack helicopters soon," the defence secretary said.

The US defence secretary further expected US procurements of Israeli defence products to increase in the 1990s. These procurements, by his own count, have skyrocketed from a level of \$51 million in 1984 to more than \$350 million in 1989.

The US also has a number of joint research and development projects under way with Israel, including several that are part of the US Strategic Defence Initiative or SDI, Cheney noted.

"It is hard to look at the Middle East without worrying about the potential spread of weapons of mass destruction. We have reason to be concerned that some states in the region may, over time, develop the missile capacity to deliver chemical or biological weapons."

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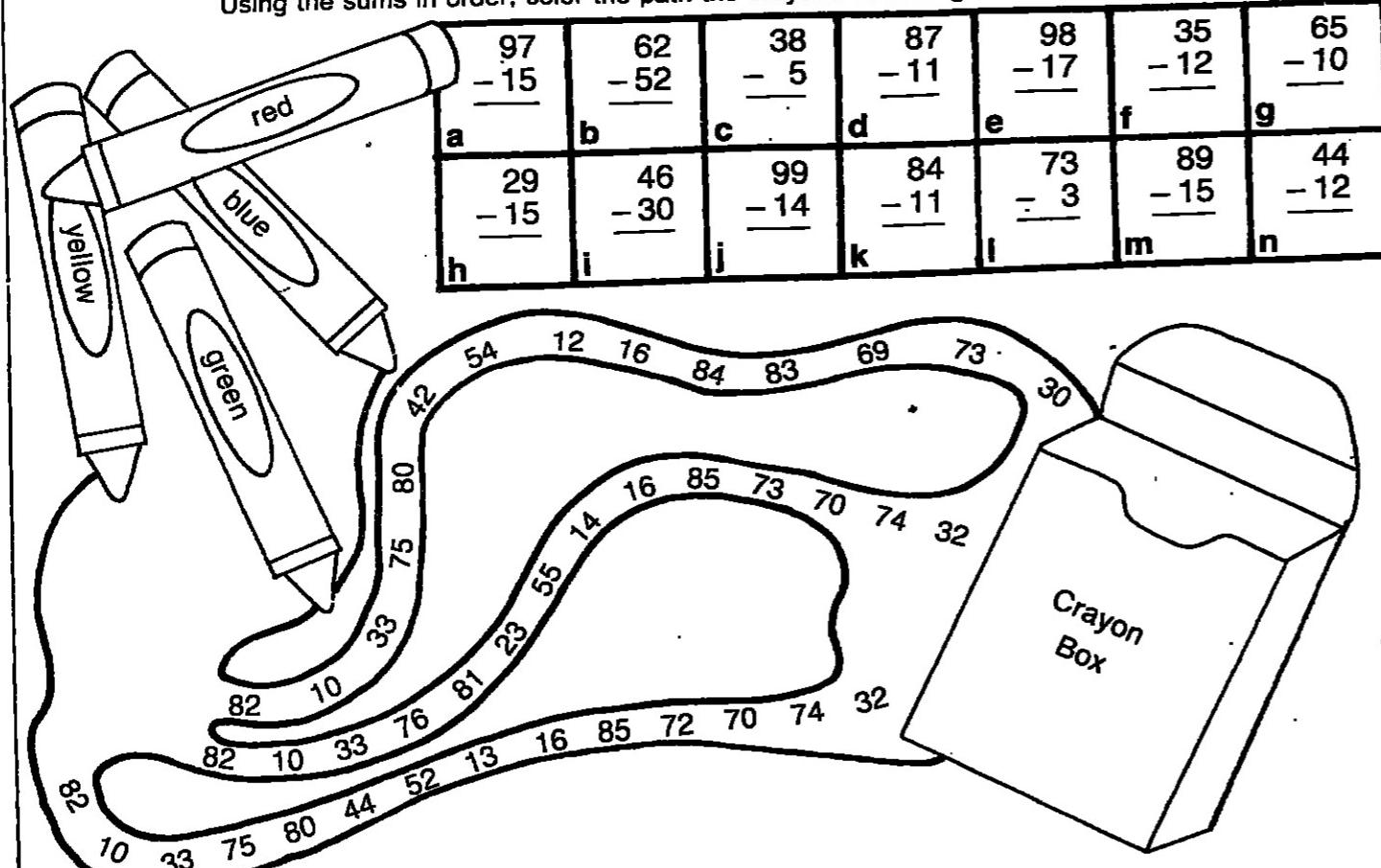
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## Crayons

Find the sums in abc order.  
Using the sums in order, color the path the crayons used to get to their crayon box.



### Dear Junior Readers,

Many of the good things in life are often taken for granted. Sadly, people only realise how precious these things are when they are taken away.

Such luxuries, sometimes necessities, include health, social status and education.

Health is obviously the most important. If you have a cold (the mildest form of disease), you are not allowed to go out and play, you will not be able to watch television, or listen to music for long — as you will get a headache and you will not enjoy your food as your taste buds will not be functioning properly.

In fact the only thing you will be able to do is lie in bed and get better! Does that sound like fun?

Although the luxury of social status entirely depends on your parents, sometimes people do not realise how lucky they are to have literate parents let alone university professors, doctors, engineers or whatever.

Illiterate parents are unable to train their children about logical, wise and witty thinking. They cannot help their child with a

mathematical problem or a puzzling spelling as they cannot read or write. I think anybody with educated parents is extremely lucky.

Finally education. This is the key, to a bright and prosperous future. Education is the ladder to success and it is given to most of you JUNIOR TIMES readers on a silver tray.

Some children are very unfortunate and have to go out into the streets to earn a living, instead of sitting in a spacious classroom surrounded by friends and people who care about their future. A child like that will never get the chance to live a decent life, even though he deserves it.

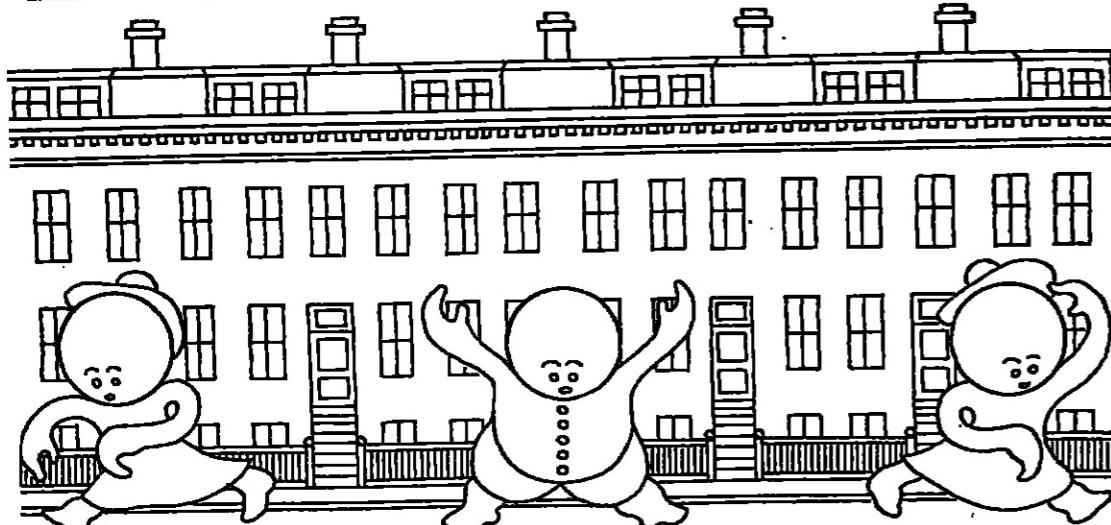
He learns to live the cruel way. He may become a beggar, a thief, a drug addict, or a murderer, not a future anybody would look forward to.

Try to feel satisfied with what you have and do not complain about the food offered to you, or the amount of homework you have been given.

Remember many would-be playmates are deprived of what you have and would love to be in your shoes. Thank God you are not one of them and pray that these luxuries are never taken away.

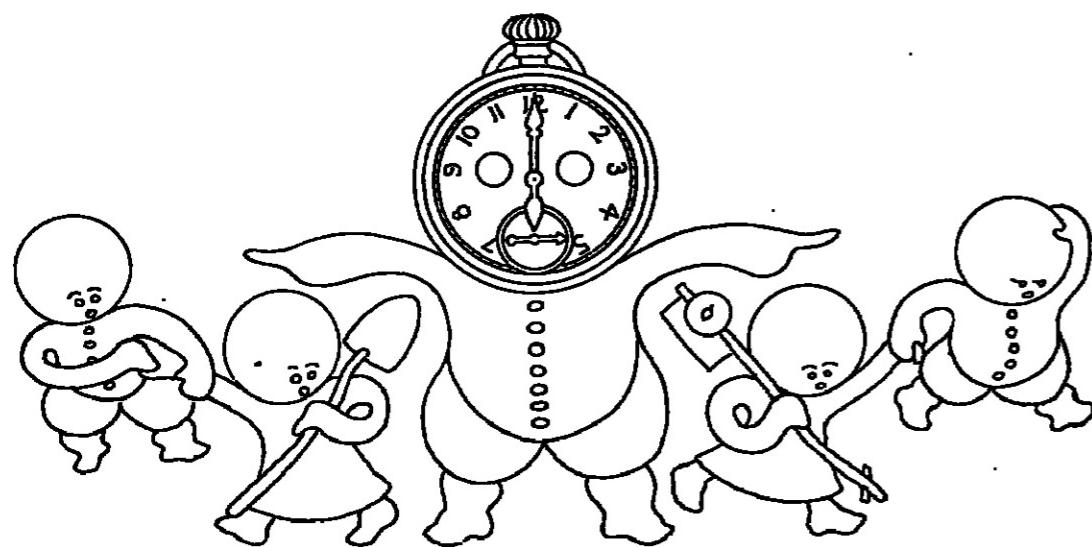
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### The Goops again



### TARDINESS

GOODNESS gracious sakes alive!  
Mother said, "Come home at five!"  
Now the clock is striking six,  
I am in a norful fix!  
She will think I can't be trusted,  
And she'll say that she's disgusted!



## Just for laughs!

My brother said, "I've found an easy way to rob a bank."

I said, "What's that?"

He said, "Do a safe robbery."

I said to my uncle, "Let's have a game of snooker."

He said, "We can't. There's an elephant on the table."

I said, "I can't see an elephant."

He said, "You wouldn't. It's wearing a green hat."

My uncle went into this shoe shop. He said, "I want some soft shoes for my elephant."

The girl said, "What's an elephant want soft shoes for?"

My uncle said, "He wants to sneak up on the mice."

My brother said, "I've been trying to annoy my pet snake but I can't do it."

I said, "Why's that?"

He said, "I can't find a leg to pull."

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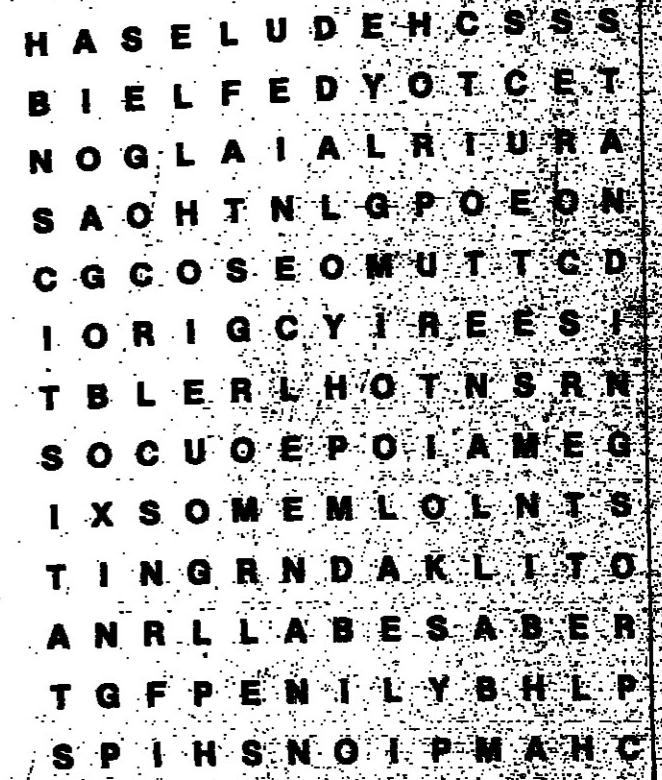
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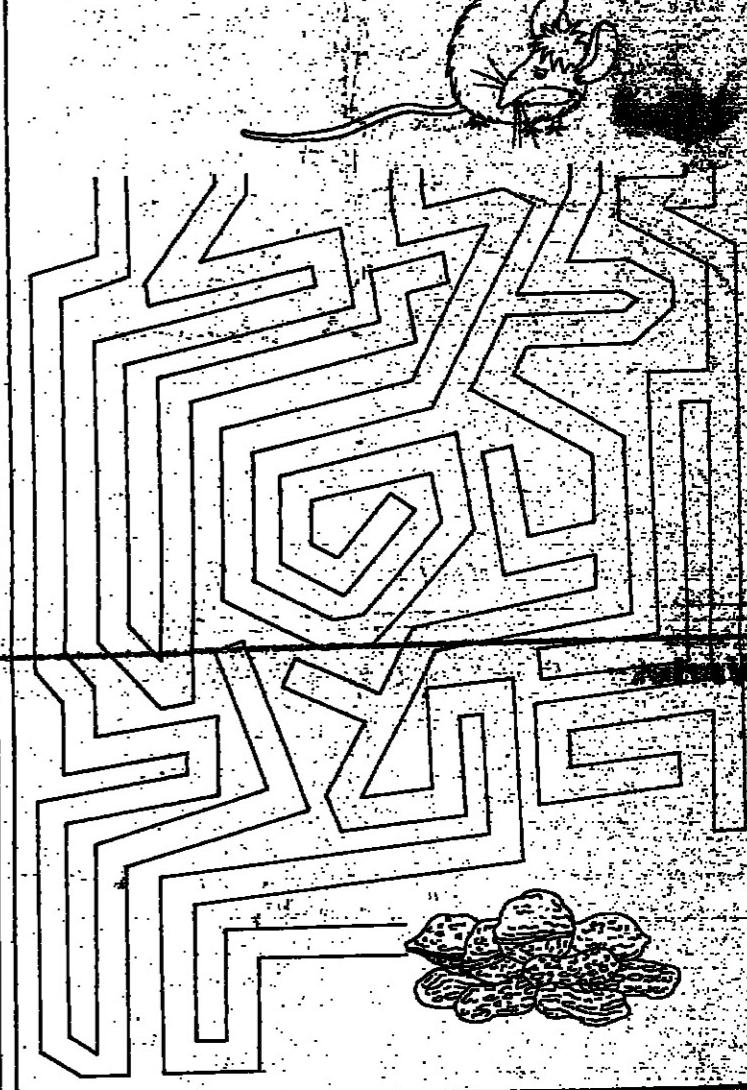
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Help Roger to find his way through the maze to his nest.



## Writer's Handbook

### Presenting

This is the last step.

You may share your writing with others.

There are many different ways to share your writing.

You may read your writing to others.

You may make a class book of a story, poem, and riddle each person made.

You may draw pictures about your writing to put up in your classroom.

You may work with friends to act out a story you wrote.

You may play a game of Talk Show.

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The Earth is always changing. Forces on the Earth's surface break up, wear away, and move the land.

Trace over each word. Print each word under the traced word. Say each word. Then, color the pictures.



WATER

### Amazing facts

Ice-hockey pucks shoot across the ice at nearly 112 mph.

The sacred ibis was believed by the ancient Egyptians to be the bird that hatched the 'world egg'.

The Japanese spider crab has legs which can span over 12 feet.

In a planetarium in New York City there is a meteorite weighing over 34 tons.

Elvis Presley earned a record 37 gold disc.

The Black Death in the fourteenth century resulted in an estimated 75 million deaths.

The Potter Wasp makes a vase-like nest of clay. It then hangs the egg inside on a thread and the 'vase' is stocked with a caterpillar on which the larva will feed.

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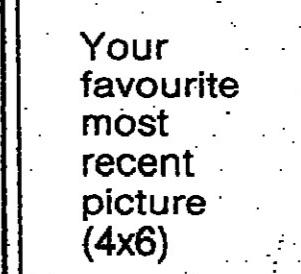
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Happy birthday



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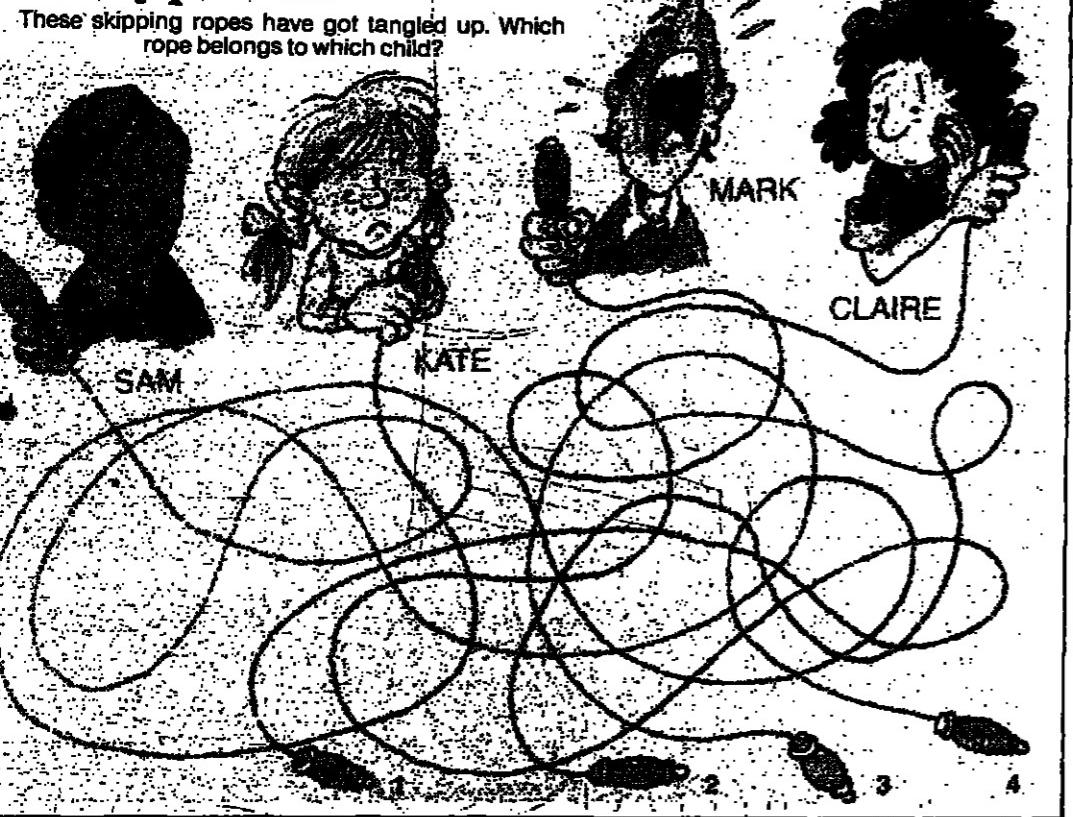
Vanessa Castelino turns 5 on March 17.



Zohail Patel turns 6 on March 18.

## Knotty problem

These skipping ropes have got tangled up. Which rope belongs to which child?



Answers

## Colour timing



RABBIT

## Finger paint fun

Dipping your finger in bright red paint,  
Dabbing it on paper and making lines so faint,  
Thinking that you need a little more colour,  
Painting on your nose and smudging it on your mother.

What a lot of fun, to paint in such a way  
Potato cutting are a laugh  
the shapes they make are gay.  
A carrot top makes a funny mark  
and lentils throw on paper dark  
looks like the stars that shine at night  
or a ghostly mist to give a fright.

Digging your finger deep into the pot  
Squishing it around, and hearing it PLOP  
Slapping it on paper, red black or grey,  
What a super way to spend a play school day.

J.Hodgson

## Join the dots



## Firsts and lasts

It is common for married couples who celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary to mark the occasion with an object made of gold, because this is their Golden Anniversary. Similarly when they reach their sixtieth one, something made from diamonds celebrates the Diamond Anniversary. But what commemorates the first wedding anniversary — do you know? The answer is something made from cotton — it is the Cotton Anniversary.

The first recorded civil divorce was granted in 1546 to Lady Sadeir of Standon whose husband disappeared, so she married someone else, and her first husband promptly reappeared!

When the first submarine was invented in 1624 by a Dutchman, it was described by the British Admiralty as a 'damn silly, trifling novelty that will never catch on.' How wrong they were.

The first time the famous comedian Danny Kaye went on stage, it was as a water melon seed.

Weekend

## Oscar stakes: favouring the offbeat

By Brian Hollis

JUDGING from the past, it would seem that there are specific criteria for selecting Oscar winning performances: for men it helps to act either a drunkard/terminally ill/cripple/paraplegic, whereas for women, exotic accents a la Meryl Streep/Vivien Leigh or quirky old grannies are often successful. This year the paraplegics are definitely ahead for the men (*My Left Foot* and *Born on the 4th of July*), whereas the women are led by quirky old *Miss Daisy*. However, not to be forgotten is Sally Field in *Steel Magnolias* with that hiltion southern accent which already won her two Oscars for *Norma Rae* and *Places in the Heart*.

*Steel Magnolias*, according to the blurb, has 'one of the finest female casts ever assembled.' An update version of *Terms of Endearment*, the story focuses primarily on the loving but often adversarial relationship between M'Lynn (Sally Field) and her daughter Shelley (Julia Roberts), a diabetic who is willing to risk her life to bear a son. Offsetting the seriousness of the situation are the humorous ups and downs of the two women's cronies. Oniweer (Shirley MacLaine) their eccentric next door neighbour maintains a balding St. Bernard and an ongoing feud with everyone in town, including M'Lynn's

long suffering but trigger happy husband (Tom Skerritt), and her arch rival Claire (Olympia Dukakis), an equally caustic millionairess.

Beautiful Truvy (Dolly Parton) and her Bible-toting assistant Annelle (Daryl Hannah) provide a convenient forum for the women to let off steam while having their hair done. The action is compressed into a three year period beginning and ending with Easter. In between the women are united for such traditional rituals as marriage, Christmas, birth and finally death. The dialogue is laced with zippy one-liners and crackling dialogue, which prevents the central story of mother and sickly daughter from becoming too maudlin.

*Wall Street* was such an international success that the British could not resist making a local version based in the city of London. *Dealers* manages quite successfully to combine an American glossy look with British grittiness and although the plot is not so ambitious, the pace is relentless with plenty to keep us interested. Paul MacGann plays the star dealer who is next in line to take over the book of a colleague who has killed himself after running up a \$100 million deficit. However, his bosses want to avoid his dangerous style of trading, and bring in an American woman (Rebecca de Mornay). Needless to say, the

two lock horns, but get progressively closer as the film progresses. The film lacks somewhat in humour, and the ending is predictably corny, but the pace and style more than make up for it.

*Getting It Right* is another look at today's London, but from a different angle. Jesse Birstall plays Gavin, a mild-mannered 31-year-old virgin who works as a hairdresser. He spends his free time thinking about art and daydreaming about the perfect woman. A surprise invitation to a penthouse party leads to an introduction to an older woman who shares his love of art, and he also meets aristocrat Lady Minerva (Helena Bonham Carter) who offers him sex, marriage and a lot of trouble. Eventually, however, he finds that he is failing for plain salon assistant Jane. No real surprises and little emotional involvement. The film is mildly entertaining but is spoilt by American director Randal Kleiser's clichéd outlook on everything British.

Billed as the most ambitious cartoon film ever produced in Europe, *Asterix and the Big Fight* reportedly took 300 artists and technicians two years to make, and carries a 'multi-million dollar tag.' Unfortunately, all this effort and expense is less than apparent on the screen, although as a simple sequel to the other Asterix movies, it achieves its objectives. Druid Getafix

loses his memory after being clouted by a flying menorah and cannot recall the recipe for the crucial magic potion. Asterix and Obelix are forced to play nursemaids to try to jog his memory. Meanwhile, the other villagers have been duped by a quack sooth-sayer, used as bait by the Romans to help them conquer the Gauls. Naturally the film ends up with a big skirmish between the Romans, and the statutory village feast.

*Miracle Landing* is based on the true story of the Aloha Airlines plane which tripped apart over Hawaii two years ago. *Blind Faith* is a new bestseller starring Robert Urich and based on the true best-seller from the author of *Fatal Vision*. The original crew of the TV series get together again in a full length diamond caper movie called *Loveboat — A Valentine Adventure*. Brad Davis and Madelyn Smith team up together in another movie based on a true story — *The Plot to Kill Hitler*, and David Suchet is back in another Agatha Christie adventure as Belgian detective Hercule Poirot. For sports fans there are new rugby, snooker and basketball tapes, whilst music buffs will enjoy the 32nd Grammy Awards, or new video releases by Janet Jackson, Kylie Minogue and Chris de Burgh.

The above movies are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya; Video Nam, Salhiya Complex; and Video Club, Salhiya.

## Sporty by day, slinky by night

LONDON, (AP): The fall fashion message from London is short, sporty by day and slinky by night, with flashes of British wit and individuality. The mood, however, is uncertain.

Top designers Katherine Hamnett and John Galliano skipped London to show in Paris. Two other big names, Rifat Oztek and Jasper Conran, opted for video instead of catwalk shows, and fewer buyers stopped off in London en route from Milan to Paris.

Nonetheless, there was still some of that odd wacky madness that put London on the fashion map.

Vivienne Westwood, the mother of punk garb, captivated the audience with a collection ranging from classic tailored tartan suits to fake-fur-trimmed bloomers worn with old master-print corsets.

A lycra-clad dancing troupe dressed as haute couture pugs opened the red or dead show based on barnyard characters of country life. Bodysuit did a vision of drag queen club life in their sexy sportswear collection.

Britain's designers of the year, workers for Freedoom duo Richard Nott and Graham Fraser, showed a collection Nott described as "spare femininity," which featured bikinis over striped body suits, one of the key fall looks from London.

London fashion week, which ended Tuesday, has spread out further with designers showing all over town and the trade show featuring about 250 exhibitors at the Olympia 2 Exhibition Hall.

At Olympia, accessories from hats to bracelets seemed hotter than clothes.

"I think largely because of high interest rates and the high cost of living, women can't afford to buy another outfit, so they're buying accessories," said Beverley Mann, 28, one of the design duo of the costume jewellery firm Flash Harry.

Melan Lazlo of Obsessive, another costume jewellery firm, said: "London is kind of a melting pot for a wide range of accessories ranging from the weird and wonderful to the Channel-type classic."

Many fashion designers said the number of buyers was

"not going to fall flat on its face because two people show in Paris."

Her collection of suits and parkas in orange, ochre and skin-tight gold lame and black tops and body suits won high marks for wearability.

There were plenty of other wearable clothes as well. Bruce Oldfield, who designs many of Princess Diana's dresses, incorporated the sporty spirit in his hooded, printed parkas, luxurious velvet bodysuits, sequined sweatshirts and a gold sequined bomber jacket with pants.

Caroline Charles did a "Eurochic" collection featuring Romanian peasant embroideries and folksy tassels and fringing alongside her snappy city suits and slinky evening dresses.

Ozbek abandoned his summer white for dazzling colours — another fall theme — in hooded tops, tunics, cropped bomber jackets and leggings and body suits in dazzling sequins, stretch velvet and gold lame.

Conran found his inspiration in "the off-duty ballerina," with body-hugging catuits topped by cropped leather jackets and quilted bronze bomber jackets.

## Teenage rebel's literary success

SAN FRANCISCO, (Reuters): For Holly Uyemoto, author of a well-reviewed new novel called *Refel Without A Cue*, the path to literary success began when she dropped out of school.

"I was told by teachers and peers alike that I was not very intelligent," recalls Uyemoto, 20, whose book centres on the lives of teenagers, one of whom had AIDS, in a wealthy area of California.

"What really tore it," she said, was discovering that her name was on a list of students destined for a high school that had a student body largely comprised of delinquents.

Aged 15, she quit school altogether, which she admits did not please her parents.

"They were homicidal at first," Uyemoto said in a recent interview, dressed entirely in black and wearing a large butterfly-shaped ring.

"They just wanted me to toil away at the salt mines of education and bungle along the rest of the 'Megadotards' until I got my degree," she said, using a word of derision that she apparently coined herself.

After leaving school Uyemoto toiled away instead on a novel, finishing a rough draft in just three weeks. She sold it to the third literary agent she approached.

The book was released in November by Crown Books to mostly positive reviews.

"Uyemoto ... delves into the flashy, sometimes fatal world of easy money, sex and drugs, and emerges with a terrific book," a New York Times reviewer wrote of the book.

The novel is set in California's affluent Marin county, north of San Francisco.

It is there that Thomas Bainbridge, the world's most success-

ful male model, returns to tell his best friend, Christian Delon, that he has contracted aids.

Christian, a recent high school graduate, narrates the tale.

Reviewers and Uyemoto's editor praise her ability to capture the way people really talk.

"Her words on the page sound as if they came out of a human mouth," said Lia Healy, editor at Crown.

Healy was also impressed by a first novel that is not autobiographical and one in which a female author writes from a male perspective.

"You very seldom see someone make such an imaginative leap in voice, particularly in the first person," Healy said. Uyemoto is more modest.

Uyemoto says she is nothing like her characters, who take drugs as easily as some people take vitamins.



## Re-inventing the wheel

A project to re-invent the wheel is about to revolutionise cheap transport in developing countries, where the welfare and productivity of rural areas is inhibited by the high cost of imported wheel and wheel production equipment. Although wood is widely available in many such communities, the skills to produce wooden wheels are not. However, there is considerable potential for the local manufacturer of wheels produced from basic steel sections.

IT Transport Ltd (ITT) working on behalf of the Intermediate Technology Development Group, a British charity, has developed the simple hand operated device for forming wheel rims of any diameter from a variety of steel sections at a low cost.

A series of equi-spaced chalk marks are made on a length of steel section and it is then fed into the three operating rollers. The lever operating the top roller is then depressed, forming a bend in the section. The section is then advanced up to the next chalk mark and the lever again depressed. Thus a series of incremental bends results in a perfectly formed circle of consistent diameter.

The production equipment is adaptable in that it can be made from a wide selection of steel materials according to what is locally available. It is easily produced in a small rural workshop having basic metal working equipment for cutting, drilling, turning, and welding. The wheels are cheaper than the imported alternatives and can be adapted to accept a variety of bearing and axle assemblies. Among those developed are wheels for pneumatic tyres, scrap metal motor car tyres and several non-pneumatic designs — all significantly more durable than their standard equivalent.

The technology is currently being used by projects producing wheels for a variety of vehicles in Kenya, Ghana, Tanzania, India and Zimbabwe.

## On the Record

**'Louie, Louie'** can be anything you want it to be

## Rock

Various artists, *The Best of Louie Louie, Volume 2*. Remember that congressional committee back in the early '60s that was so worried about the allegedly naughty lyrics to *Louie Louie*? Those Congressmen would really have a collective fit if they heard the three-chord classic sung in Russian by the Soviet band *Red Square*.

The howling, primal Russian version makes the song sound especially dirty and likely to send solid American teenagers into fits of passion that undoubtedly would lead to the downfall of the American way if we hadn't already won the cold war.

But then *Louie Louie* is that kind of song. It can be anything you want it to be. Menace to society, frat boy pre-bar party tune, baby boomer anthem, mindless muzak.

Rhino the oddball Santa Monica, Calif., label with a talent for retrospectives, offers 10 more of the 300-plus versions of Richard Berry's accidental classic, this time featuring something for everyone.

In addition to *Red Square*, the Angels do a passable girl group rendition, *Tyme* code with Steven Sperling synthesizes it, the shockwaves set it azzle with the surf guitar sound and Pete Fountain

mellows it with a sweet clarinet. The kings even try to make it grammatical as Ray Davies changes the words from *Me Gotta Go to I Gotta Go*. How very British of him, yet blasphemous.

Paul Revere and the Raiders manage some decent yells and grunts on an otherwise flat version. Stanley Clarke and George Duke give it a funkiness while Mongo Santamaria comes up with a *Louie Louie* that's especially appropriate for the beach. But leave it to Tina Turner to fill it with sex.

The versions are diverse enough that you can listen to Volume 2 and its predecessor (which includes Berry's original, the Kingsmen's version and offerings by the Rice University Marching Band, the Sandpipers and Punkin Black Flag, among others) back-to-back without going daft. It would be unwise to listen to them a second time through, however, unless you want to endanger the flute.

For the record, Berry's lyrics weren't dirty. They were about a Jamaican sailor telling a bartender, the estimable Louie, about how much he misses his woman. Berry sold off the rights to *Louie Louie* for a mere 750 long before it became rock's favourite party song, but after a legal battle he now owns half the copyright to the song.

## Classical

Paula Robinson, flute, with Timothy Hester, piano

*American Masterworks*

In Aaron Copland's Third Symphony, the last movement begins with *Fanfare for the Common Man*. But before you hear it loud and brassy, he gives it to you soft and pastoral, by giving the melody to the flute.

A similar theme opens this disc. At first you wonder if Copland has written a "Duet for flute and piano" without the piano. When it does play, it is with discretion verging on reticence. A lovely piece. Quibble: the slow movement should be slower and the finale faster.

Two melodic Samuel Barber pieces follow. *Melodies Passengers* is an interesting work. Barber had set some French poems to music. Here the flute "sings" the vocals. The second piece is an arrangement of the slow movement of Barber's one piano concerto and holds one of his many memorable melodies.

"Lyric study for flute and piano" by Roy Harris is forgettable. And you're getting that from a diehard Harris fan.

A three-movement piece by 35-year-old Robert Beaser closes the disc. Inventive variations ... and

attentive use of the flute's varied moods.

Paula Robinson impresses with her goose-toning in the beaker. Of particular note in Timothy Hester's accompaniment is his attention to the tony chords in the Beaker and his delicacy in the Copland.

An hour is too long to listen to this or any duo. Even Bob and Ray are best enjoyed in short bits. If you listen to lengthy chamber music CDs all at once you'll tire of chamber music and wonder why.

## Country

Larry Boone, *Down That River Road*

The highlight of this album is *Larry Boone's Everybody Wants to Be Hank Williams*. It has a fine "Everybody Wants to Be Hank Williams," but who wants to die? It's a terrific song that is doing well on the charts for Boone, who is its co-writer.

Another winner for this traditional artist is *I Know Who Drove Her There*. Another Boone-co-written tune is *Too Blue To Be True*, a ballad with a fine vocal performance. *Best Performance By a Fool*, a clever parody on awards shows only it's about a man who does his girl wrong.

Other notable titles include *Gettin' Nowhere* (*Gettin' Over You*), *A Quarter at a Time*, and *Down That River Road*. Boone is headed for stardom in country music and this album may do the trick.



Kabir Bedi: happy memories

Mini Meet: Kabir Bedi

## Coming back to Bombay

Q. How do you find life between the start of your career and the present come-back?

A. I started life in Bombay with ad agencies as a backroom boy. The first time I modelled was for Liberty Shirts and then in ads for cigarettes. I proved quite impressive. I started my own agency which flopped. Then O.P. Kaliahan cast me in *Hutchul*. Zeehan also made her debut in it. Q. How do you feel about your return to India and Indian films?

A. It was a long detour. When films like Mahesh Bhatt's *Monsoon Au Bhain* did not succeed, I went away abroad. I got accepted. I did *Sandokan* and many other things. It was great. I came back for *Khooni Bhari Maang* and again got attached. Memories came back when I happened to meet Zeehan.

Q. But now there are too many actors in the race. What image are you building for yourself?

A. I never believed in it. Positive and negative is all rubbish. There must be a strong character to play. I also don't like to be in the race, meaning juggling with 15 to 20 films.

Q. Any comments on your daughter Pooja's life style?

A. It is her personal matter. I have been a liberal father in the matter of education, upbringing, freedom. Let youngsters find their own feet.

Links

Amitabh did not show much faith in the new government's fairness, while also disclaiming his links with the old Congress - I. He even made statements that Rajiv Gandhi should have resigned before elections. For the new regime, he only showed doubts and fears, even going to the extreme of saying that he would be locked up in jail. This persecution complex made him think that some damaging documents would be concocted against him and planted right inside his house. People took this with a pinch of salt, as they knew that legal investigations were afoot and he would not face any trouble, if nothing was proved against him.

Obviously good old Amitabh wanted the same wave of sympathy and love, which he enjoyed during his peak period or at the time when he was in hospital fighting for his life. But this time his methods were wrong. People could find out that he was fishing for pity and also pre-empting possible failure by harping on the Bachchan name being soiled and his star image getting tarnished with false accusations. That's why he had also become humbler and approachable.

Amitabh should realize that it is only a new type of fascinating and successful film that can resurrect him totally, above everything else. He must find such a script and work in it. His coming half a dozen films don't seem to be anywhere near this goal.



Shatrughan and Shabana: political friendship

● After Bharti and Swapna in *Izzatdar*, Dilip Kumar is looking out for another South Indian heroine. So Madhvi is eager to impress the great thespian, and Dilip himself corners her at parties for exclusive talks. Madhvi needs a new hero after the Amitabh *Agneepath* debacle and an "old" one would also do.

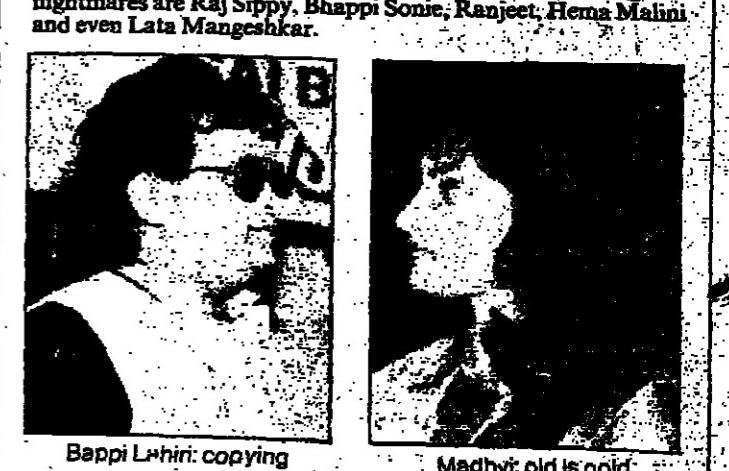
● The state government ruling Maharashtra (Bombay) gave a reward to its favourites as a parting gift before election. Several people were given the title of S.E.M. (special executive magistrate), who can be even called to judge cases. But these included people with criminal records thus leading to the film drama of "chor" (thief) becoming "police". A film personality who got it Jaya Chakravarty, "amma" of Hema Malini. But the lady had been declared insolvent some time back. And such people are not entitled to such titles.

● Copying film tunes is now leading to fights and assaults. The song *Jumma-jumma de de* from *Hum* used by Laxmi-Pyare has been copied by Bappi Lahiri as *Tamma tamma* for *Thameera*. The *Hum* director Mukul Anand is so angry that he has threatened to take it to the streets and beat up Bappi. But what if the fans and supporters of the original African song-composer decide to beat up Mukul, L.P. and the tall one? What do they say about those who live in glass houses?

● Vijay Amritraj when queried about rumoured marriage to Sri Devi keeps giving the fixed line: "I have never dated her. I have not seen any of her films. I only admire her." But then how did it all start? There is no smoke without fire. Or does he say this because grapes are sour and Sri has found him not attractive enough for her glamorous self?

● Politics makes strange bed-fellows indeed. Or at least chair-fellows. Shatrughan Sinha does not belong to any party but he has supported the National Front and not the Communist party. Shabana Azmi like her father has always belonged to the CPI, which is now a party to the coalition government. So Shabana and Shatrughan keep meeting and cracking jokes at functions. She is now chairperson of Children's Film Society. Retiring to this Shatrughan says: "Then I will be chairman of Adults Film Society."

● Among the producers to whom Vinod Khanna has given nightmares are Raj Sippy, Bappi Lahiri, Ranjeet, Hema Malini and even Lata Mangeshkar.



Bappi Lahiri: copying

Madhvi: old is gold

## Indian Cinema

## Amitabh — on a self-destructive spree

*Agneepath* fails to draw crowds

Amitabh Bachchan: on the way out

Danny and helpful friends like Tinnu Anand doing the eccentric bit, all amidst the backdrop of slums, slime and crime by the mafia.

From reel one, the film defies plain logic and raises ugly questions. Why does the hero's idealistic father go to teach a prostitute alone at night in her house? How is it possible that the hero pierced

with six bullets (which he invited on himself) manages to survive? Why can't Krishnan Iyer (Mithun), who calls himself M.A., speak or follow a few English words, like nurse for example? Why does the hero beat his sister for loving the man who has saved his life? How can a village chief turn all men into slaves and all women into whores?

Does Amitabh's public image involving some political blunders and alleged economic scandals go against his films? This never happens with Indian movie idols, as people forget everything else, once they are stucked in the illusion of gripping film. But Amitabh's mind began to develop in the reverse. So the pre-release publicity of *Agneepath* also included a series of Amit's interviews, some genuinely journalistic and others stage-managed. In all of them, the hero kept up the refrain of being persecuted facing imminent doom.

## Hype

Sure, Amitabh has not played his cards well once again, that too in a film on which so much depended. There was the usual media hype, with the film given a tempting veneer in advance. Distributors were assured with the illusion that a goldmine was lying ahead. Other audio-visual media were pressed into service. The hero himself released Venus Records & Tapes Co.'s new cassette 38 *Non-stop Amitabh Dhamaik*. Nasreen Kabeer's video programme *Follow That Star* made for Channel 4 of UK was pumped into the Indian market by Multichannel and even its trailers were liberally injected in the cassettes of other films. It contains interviews as well as excerpts, all aimed at glorifying the hero. But finally it is the main film itself which counts.

Does Amitabh's public image involving some political blunders and alleged

economic

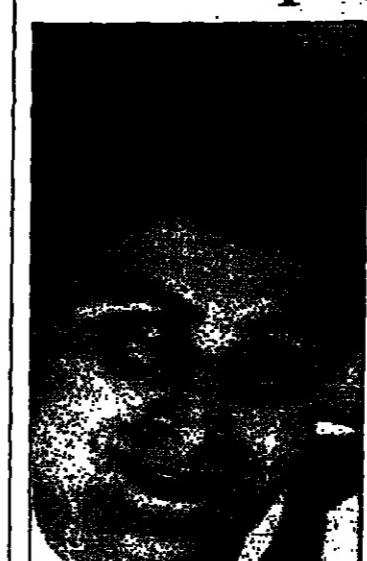
problems go against his films? This never happens with Indian movie idols, as people forget everything else, once they are stucked in the illusion of gripping film. But Amitabh's mind began to develop in the reverse. So the pre-release publicity of *Agneepath* also included a series of Amit's interviews, some genuinely journalistic and others stage-managed. In all of them, the hero kept up the refrain of being persecuted facing imminent doom.

Amitabh did not show much faith in the new government's fairness, while also disclaiming his links with the old Congress - I. He even made statements that Rajiv Gandhi should have resigned before elections. For the new regime, he only showed doubts and fears, even going to the extreme of saying that he would be locked up in jail. This persecution complex made him think that some damaging documents would be concocted against him and planted right inside his house. People took this with a pinch of salt, as they knew that legal investigations were afoot and he would not face any trouble, if nothing was proved against him.

Obviously good old Amitabh wanted the same wave of sympathy and love, which he enjoyed during his peak period or at the time when he was in hospital fighting for his life. But this time his methods were wrong. People could find out that he was fishing for pity and also pre-empting possible failure by harping on the Bachchan name being soiled and his star image getting tarnished with false accusations. That's why he had also become humbler and approachable.

Amitabh should realize that it is only a new type of fascinating and successful film that can resurrect him totally, above everything else. He must find such a script and work in it. His coming half a dozen films don't seem to be anywhere near this goal.

## Star slips



Rishi Kapoor

Mamta: I admit I had deep feelings for Sharmi Kapoor once. But there was an age gap between us. I also had feelings for Jeetu. And I used to hear that Yash Chopra was "paagal" about me. I don't know about that.

Gulshan Grover: "You can't make success of both career and marriage. Even if I had not worked hard on my roles and not neglected my family, I would have still made a lousy husband."

Rishi Kapoor: "I can't play an action role or a real tough guy. It goes against my image, and personality. People will not accept certain things."

Asli Sharma: "Jackie Shroff was a fantastic actress. But she had one weakness: drinking. So many times she would come on the sets hardly in a condition to shoot."

Asha Chadda: "Jackie Shroff was a total loss. He used to take drugs and was always broke. I trained him free. He has still to pay me."

## Dreyfuss case

ACADEMY Award-winner Richard Dreyfuss has signed a long-term development agreement with Disney's Touchstone Pictures in partnership with Judith James to develop and produce movies.

Dreyfuss' films for Touchstone include *Down And Out in Beverly Hills*, *Timmen and Stakeout*. The agreement also calls for Dreyfuss to appear to picture for the studio.

Dreyfuss, who won a best-actor Oscar in 1977 for *The Goodbye Girl*, recently completed starring in *Rosenkranz* and *Guildenstern Are Dead*. He currently is working in *Once Around* with Holly Hunter.

## Zanuck wins

Richard D. Zanuck and his partner-wife Lili Fini Zanuck won the Producers Guild of America's Producer for the Year Award for theatrical motion pictures released in 1989 for *Driving Miss Daisy*.

Their adaptation of the hit Broadway play, which stars Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy, led all other movies with nine nominations for Academy Awards this year and so far has grossed more than 60 million.

Zanuck becomes the second member of his family to be honoured by the producers Guild of America. His father, Darryl F. Zanuck, won the award in 1953.

## TV special

A flock of motion picture and TV stars will appear in the ABC-TV two-hour broadcast of *Time Warner Presents The Earth Day Special* to generate interest in the ecology movement.



Richard Dreyfuss: producer

## Bette Midler will be seen as mother earth attempting to survive today's onslaught of population and waste. The two-hour show will be aired April 22.

Other stars participating are Chev Chase, Kevin Costner, Ted Danson, Geena Davis, Jane Fonda, Michael Keaton, Meryl Streep, Barbra Streisand, Robin Williams and Bruce Willis.

## Murphy reprise

Eddie Murphy will reprise his role as the convict released to help track down criminals in *Another 48 Hours*, co-starring Nick Nolte as the frustrated cop who keeps track of the felon.

Walter Hill, who directed *48 Hours*, will return for the sequel written by John Fasano, Larry Gross and Jeb Stuart, based on a story by Murphy.

Also coming back to play cops are Brion James and Frank McRae who appeared in the original film.

## Academy donations

Two new film-related collections have been donated to the Margaret Herrick Library of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences by producer-director Bryan Forbes and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Forbes donated material documenting his career, including scripts, correspondence and photographs from such films as *The Angry Silence*, *Whistle Down the Wind*, *The Wrong Box*, *The L-Shaped Room* and *King Rat*.

The museum's contribution consists of more than 35,000 photographs and negatives that originally were part of the Hollywood Photographers Archive established Sid Avery.



Meryl Streep: new TV serial



## Regional Summary

# World economy facing moderate slowdown in 1990

US GDP growth set to slow to about 1.8pc this year

**UNITED NATIONS.** March 14. (Opecna) The world economy faces a moderate slowdown in 1990, with output in most Eastern European countries expected to decline and a similar trend in growth on a per capita basis in Africa and Latin America, according to a United Nations report.

These were the principal conclusions of 90 experts in economic forecasting from about 40 countries and regional centres meeting at headquarters under the chairmanship of Prof. Lawrence Klein, a Nobel prize winner.

The meeting of the expert group on short and medium-term projections of the world economy was opened on March 7 by Rafeequddin Ahmed, under-secretary general for International Economic and Social Affairs, and concluded Friday night.

On the basis of present policies, world economic growth is expected to slow somewhat in 1990, to less than 2.5

per cent, the experts concluded.

Among developed countries, the slowdown would be particularly marked in Canada, Britain and the United States where a relatively long period of economic expansion is expected to be interrupted by tighter monetary policy, a shrinking federal deficit and decreased rates of investment and export growth. As a result, gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the United States would slow to about 1.8 per cent this year.

The experts concluded further that the reduction in world trade growth and in demand for primary commodities would reduce the export earnings of most developing countries. The debt-servicing burdens of some heavily indebted countries are expected to be reduced by negotiated debt reduction and debt equity swaps, but others would find their situation further aggravated by the recent increase in

world interest rates which are not expected to decline significantly in 1990.

In most Eastern European countries, the political and economic reforms underway are exacting heavy transitory costs as overall output is expected to decline slightly in the region as a whole in 1990. Medium-term prospects are for a gradual improvement in economic performance in the region.

The hardest hit would be the sub-Saharan African countries, for which special assistance is being sought by the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the African Development Bank. Without increases in the level of assistance, per capita incomes are expected to decline during the next two years following several years of deteriorating economic performance.

Asian countries, including China, are expected to fare much better than

the world average, the experts concluded, but increasing protectionism, some exchange rate appreciation and a slower pace of world demand could reduce their growth rates, which have been buoyant in recent years.

The experts noted that in the Latin American countries, per capita income fell again last year and was expected to fall further in 1990 due to heavy debt-service payments and the slowdown in world demand for the region's exports. In addition, austerity programmes in Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Venezuela, among others, were expected to restrain domestic demand resulting in slow or negative growth in GDP in those countries.

A number of oil-exporting countries in the Middle East exhibited somewhat higher growth in 1989 than in the past and are expected to continue to exhibit GDP growth of between four and five per cent, since declining oil production

in the industrialised countries combined with increases in oil consumption are expected to sustain current price levels and increase export earnings according to the experts.

In making their assessment, the country experts combined their own analyses of recent economic developments with the forecasts prepared by Klein and Associates at the universities of Pennsylvania and Toronto, with the support of technical staff at the United Nations using an econometric world model.

The experts devoted several sessions to the implications for the world economy of the economic reforms underway in Eastern Europe. They analysed in a preliminary way the contribution that additional capital inflows from countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) could make to underpinning and strengthening the reforms. Experts

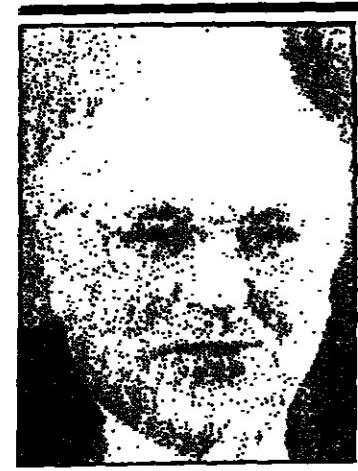
from several developing countries expressed concern that developing countries, especially heavily indebted ones, might be adversely affected by these developments.

They felt that increased competition for limited amounts of development finance and higher world interest rates could significantly worsen the prospects of many developing countries. The experts concluded that such concerns had merit, but might prove to be exaggerated.

They further noted that if major reductions in defence expenditures were brought about, both developing countries and Eastern European countries might benefit from increased international support for development and economic reform. World trade and production should benefit from pursuit of new economic policies in Eastern Europe and this would work to the benefit of all, including the developing

countries. Following the slowdown in 1990, world economic output is expected to accelerate somewhat, according to the experts. On this medium-term outlook, GDP growth is expected to average about three per cent in the developed market-economy countries and about six per cent in South and East Asia, but only slightly higher than population growth in most parts of the developing world and in Eastern Europe.

Any substantial improvement in the medium-term outlook would require further progress in reducing current account imbalances among the industrialised countries, a more rapid resolution of the external debt crisis in heavily indebted countries, greater support for the reform underway in Eastern Europe and international measures directed at strengthening the efforts of structural adjustment in Africa, the report said.



## East Germans reassured on savings

EAST BERLIN, March 14. (AP) - West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, campaigning in East Germany for speedy unification, has assured people in the economically weak country that their savings will be converted one-to-one into West German marks.

Kohl's promise last night appeared timed to rally support for a conservative three-party alliance competing in East Germany's free elections Sunday.

The alliance is supported by Kohl's Christian Democratic Union in Bonn. It faces the revamped Communist Party, which is campaigning on the idea that East Germany's social safety net and full employment are endangered by a hasty take-over by West German capitalists.

Kohl's government is pushing for merging the East German mark with its West German counterpart, one of the world's strongest currencies.

Among the thorniest issues in the proposed monetary union, which would be a prerequisite for full unity, is how to treat East German savings.

East German citizens currently would get only about 0.16 ratio reflecting the relative weakness of the East German economy.

Kohl's assurance echoed similar statements by members of his government.

In his speech at a campaign appearance in Cottbus, East Germany, he also reiterated a call for speedy movement toward unity under article 23 of the West German constitution. The clause allows individual East German states to decide to join West Germany any time.

### Exchange Rates

	17.380
Sri Lankan rupee	7.434
Pakistani rupee	13.850
Bangladesh taka	8.620
US dollar	29.025
Pound sterling	47.300
UAE dirham	8.000
Deutsche mark	17.195
Japanese yen	0.01935

## Time for quick and concrete trade solutions: US

TOKYO, March 14. (Reuter) US Secretary of Commerce Robert Mosbacher called today for speedy solution of bilateral trade problems which threaten to damage the US-Japan partnership.

Mosbacher, who arrived last night for talks with senior Japanese government officials and private business executives, made the statement in a meeting with Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama, a ministry official said.

The official told reporters Mosbacher called for a "quick solution" and "concrete results."

Japanese newspapers today quoted a high-ranking official of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) as saying Japan must endeavour to solve the trade issue, even if it means sacrifices.

"Japan should strive to the utmost possible limit," Ichiro Ozawa, secretary-general of the LDP, was quoted as saying by the Sankei Shimbun newspaper.

"It is not the United States but Japan which will suffer if the relationship between two

### GNP growth slows

## Arab economy is deteriorating

ABU DHABI, March 14. (Reuter) Arab finance ministers heard a gloomy report on their economies at their annual meeting tomorrow.

The heads of the five main Arab money and development funds gave their reports to ministers of the 21-nation Arab League at the meeting in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.

"Economic development in Arab states shows that most of our countries are suffering from domestic and external economic imbalances," UAE Minister of State for Finance and Industry Ahmed Al Tayer said in an opening address.

Declining gross national product (GNP), increasing balance of payments deficits and external debts, lower oil earnings, over-reliance on the public sector, and plain bad management had led to the decline, the heads of the five funds said.

The five funds are the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (Afsed), the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (AIGC), the Arab Fund for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAID), and Arab Bank for

Development in Africa (ADDA).

Osama Jaffar Al Faqih, chairman of the Abu Dhabi-based AMF, said Arab nations' deficits had persisted despite rising deficit-financing loans from the AMF since it was established in 1977.

"As we look to the decade, we see that it has left clear traces... weak economic growth, worse foreign debts, and domination of the public sector," he said.

"Arabs need intensive efforts to redress the imbalances in their economies that obstruct development. They need to boost

savings and upgrade financial and banking systems," he said.

Abdul Latif Hamad, head of the Kuwait-based Afsed, said a drop in Arab oil earnings over the past decade to \$64 billion from \$213 billion, and a drop in GNP to \$355 billion from \$440 billion over the same period, had been a severe blow.

"This has reflected badly on Arab savings which fell to 15 per cent of GNP from around 30 per cent in the early 1980s," he said.

"This has made Arab nations incapable of meeting their international financial obligations," he said.

"We must say that if we want to achieve the objectives of our development plans, we should be inclined to change, including changing the structure and management of our economies," he said.

The heads of the five funds announced improved profits, and an increase in loans in 1989, but some complained about outstanding debts.

The ministers are due to announce the formal inception of a new \$500-million Arab trade fund to help boost inter-Arab trade, which is at a very low eight per cent of total Arab trade.

### Bid to help rehabilitate tourism

## Iran seeks Malaysia's help

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, March 14. (AP) - Iran, in the midst of reconstructing its war-ravaged economy, is asking for Malaysia's help in rebuilding its stagnant tourism industry.

Iran's request for Malaysian collaboration in tourism was made today by visiting Deputy Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister Morteza Haji to Malaysian Deputy Culture and Tourism Minister Ng Cheng Kua.

Ng told reporters the Culture and Tourism Ministry would consider the request from Haji, who arrived yesterday on an inaugural Iran Air flight

from Tehran.

Ng said Malaysia was the first country Iran turned to for tourism co-operation because it was impressed with the ongoing "Visit Malaysia Year 1990" tourism campaign.

The Iranian government is embarking on a \$20 billion five-year economic development plan this month, following its ceasefire with Iraq two years ago which ended the eight-year Gulf war, he said.

Ng said he was told that Iran expects the tourism industry to bring in about \$450 million a year.

### China negotiating for nuclear power plant

BEIJING, March 14. (AP) - China is negotiating with the Soviet Union to build a 2,000-megawatt nuclear power plant to help meet the country's soaring energy needs, Energy Minister Huang Yicheng said today.

The two-reactors plant, to be located along the coast of northeast China's Liaoning province, would be the country's third and largest.

Huang would not elaborate on the discussions, but Western news reports have said China would barter for the power plant.

China already has two nuclear plants under construction. A 300-megawatt plant at Qinshan, in coastal Zhejiang province, is due to begin operating by the end of this year, five years after construction began.

A second plant, the 1,300-megawatt Daya Bay nuclear plant in southern Guangdong province, began construction in 1987 and its two reactors are to go on-line in 1992 and 1993. The plant has created a controversy in Hong Kong just 50 kilometres (30 miles) away, because of safety

concerns, but Huang said proposals for more plants in Guangdong are being studied.

Chinese officials have said they expect nuclear power to supply half the nation's electric energy by the year 2030.

Coal now provides 70 percent of China's electric energy, but pollution is a growing problem and inadequate transportation makes it impossible to meet growing demand.

By the turn of the century, China plans to have built nuclear power plants generating 6,000 megawatts of energy, Huang said during a news conference. That target is down from 10,000 megawatts proposed earlier, and Chinese news reports say some specialists doubt that more than 4,500 megawatts actually will be produced by the year 2000.

Although China ranked fifth in the world last year in the capacity of installed generating equipment, according to Huang, its energy production growth rate is about half its industrial growth rate.

### Tokyo shares

Nikkei stock average: 32352.13		Mitsubishi Corp	1470	-20
(268,441)	Volume: 480 mils	Mitsubishi Estate	1870	-20
Yen exchange rate: 152.20	Chi	924	-40	
Name of stock	Mitsui E.I.	2180	-40	
Ci	Mizuno Corp	1760	-50	
Advantest Corp	Mitsui E.I.	4490	+20	
2020	Mon Seiki Co.	3760	-80	
Alps Electric	Nippon Carb.	1620	-60	
1650	Nikko Corp	1520	-40	
Asahi Chem Ind	Nippon Shin Co.	1320	-60	
1780	Nippon Steel Corp.	608	-17	
897	Nipponsteel	2120	-70	
Canon Inc.	Nitsuko Corp	1610	-60	
1510	Normura Sec.	2560	-90	
1460	Okuma Mach.	1490	-10	
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3850	Seicom Co. Ltd.	6290	-20	
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1470	Sumitomo Elec Ind.	1460	-30	
1510	Sumitomo Metal Ind.	1820	-80	
1380	Takao Chemicals	1820	-80	
5800	TDK Corp.	5570	-50	
1930	Tochio Marine & Fire	1660	-50	
786	Tokio Elec Power	4710	-90	
1300	Tokyo Electric Ltd.	3880	-70	
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## MBH promotes seafood

Messiah Beach Hotel is promoting an evening of seafood specialties every Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm in Al-Mubarakah Restaurant. All your favourite dishes fresh from the Gulf. Selected items prepared

to your liking in the relaxed atmosphere decorated with that maritime touch with live background music.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Sultan Gallery

INDIAN artist Shamima Farid is showing a collection of her latest works at the Sultan Gallery, near Rolls Royce showroom. A wide selection of subjects are featured in the paintings of the artist, who has exhibited widely in Kuwait and overseas. However, this is Shamima's first solo-exhibition in Kuwait. Open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8 pm.

## Watercolours of Arabia

Recent watercolours by Patricia Mills on exhibition at the studio, the Tareq Rajab Museum, Jabiya, Saturday thru. Thursday 9.30 to 12 and 4.30 to 8 pm, from March 6 to 20, 1990. Tel: 5315397; or 5318060.

## SAS Hotel

EXHIBITION of water colour and oil paintings as well as stained glass at the lobby until March 20.

## SOCIAL

## Ninth Kuwait gold &amp; jewellery exhibition

NINTH Kuwait gold and jewellery exhibition is being held at the Grand Ballroom of Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

All Rajaib Media International, which organised the same successfully is organising its second time. Ten famous Kuwaiti jewellers are going to display their latest and best designs.

The exhibition will continue up to March 15, 1990. It will be open for public from 9.30 am to 1 pm and from 4.30 to 8 pm.

## Khalifa School Bazaar

THE Khalifa School will be holding their second Monthly Bazaar on Thursday, March 15, at the Khalifa School Courtyard, from 9 am to 1 pm. For more information contact 312544. All proceedings go to the handicapped.

## Ladies International League of Kuwait upcoming events

LIL Desert Picnic on Friday, March 23, 1990. Members and their guests. For further information and tickets please contact Barbara on 5325131. Deadline for tickets is March 17.

## Daniella Desert Rally

The annual family rally for Danes will take place on Friday, March 23. For registration, please call Hennika—Tel: 3727688/92 ext. 246 before Wednesday, March 14.

## Holi — Festival of Colours

THE IAC is celebrating the festival of colours to commemorate the coming of Spring on Thurs 22nd March at Funfaite with a suitable programme. Members and their guests are requested to contact the IAC office (304817), Sharma (2644863), Ramani (3903879), Mathews (4343329), Srivastava (4998162) or Munshi (2423740) for details and passes. Because of limitations, passes are available on first-come-first-served basis.

## Badesik Picnic

Bangladesh Diploma Engineers' Society in Kuwait (Badesik) has organised its annual picnic to be held in Mangaf family beach on March 23. The events included the prize distribution of recently completed indoor games and the children sports to be played on the spot. Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait K.M. Shehabuddin will be the chief guest.

All Badesik member's are requested to contact general secretary Khalilur Rahman on tel: 4330025 for more details.

## British Council

Children's Books of the Year 1989 Exhibition: March 10-22 at the gallery. An exhibition of award-winning British published books arranged by The British Council in association with the Kuwait Bookshops Co. Ltd. Orders of books on display may be ordered through the Kuwait Bookshops which will also offer other British-published books at special prices.

Thursday, March 15, 10.30 am: Story telling by a professional story teller.

Please book seats by calling 2515512, 2533204, 2533227.

## Kuwait Little Theatre

KUWAIT Little Theatre presents "Oh Clarence", a comedy by John Chapman, adapted from the books of P.G. Wodehouse. Gala Night is on March 19, 1990, at 7.30 pm with other performances on March 20, 21 and 22 at 8.00 pm.

Tickets can be booked by phoning 3919759.

## Bangladesh get-together

A NUMBER of Bangladeshi families will hold a spring get-together at the Rawda Park, Damascus Street on March 23.

The day-long programme, which starts at 8 am, will include children's games, ladies and gents games and bingo.

For details, contact telephone 3725312, 4315352, 4890566.

## APPROB

ASSOCIATION of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approb) is holding a seminar to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Pakistan Resolution. Javed Iqbal, the son of the renowned Muslim philosopher and poet, Allama Mohammad Iqbal and a retired justice of Pakistan Supreme Court will preside over the seminar at Sheraton Hotel on March 25th.

Dr. Iqbal will read a research paper on "the struggle to obtain a separate Muslim homeland between Allama Iqbal's Allahabad address of 1930 and the Resolution of Pakistan in 1940." Mrs. Iqbal, a law graduate from the Harvard University and law professor at the University of Punjab, will speak on "the role of Muslim women in society as envisaged by Jinnah and Iqbal." A number of research papers on the Pakistan movement and the ideology of Pakistan will also be read at the seminar to be attended by diplomats and prominent personalities.

"BANDHAN" Nettia Chakra, Kuwait, a Bengali Drama Group, is going to perform its third stage show a Bengali Drama by the name "Boudoir Beesay" on 22nd March Thursday 1990 at 5 pm in the Starlight Theatre hall of Doha Entertainment City, Kuwait.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh in Kuwait, K.M. Shehabuddin will be the chief guest.

For entry cards, please contact the following persons: Abdur Rab, tel: 4316823, Jasim Uddin, tel: 2420484, Video A to Z, tel: 3924320.

## Contact

THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel, 10 am, on Saturday, March 17. Newcomers particularly welcome. For further details tel. 3720197; 4874513; 5388105.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

## Kuwait

Ghorma Pharmacy

Fahad Al Salem street

Al Muntaser Pharmacy

Ahmad Al Jaber street

Nugra and Hawalli

Al Joudar Pharmacy

Tunis street

Salmiya and Rumaihiya

Al Rashed Pharmacy

Anman street

Fahsheel and Ahmadi

Bastoor Pharmacy

Al Dabooos street

Jileeb Al Shuyookh

Al Razeq Pharmacy

Jahra

Al Zahra Pharmacy

The New Market

Arabic film

Summer Affair '90

THE Weekend Club will host their traditional "Summer Affair" on the first day of Eid Al Fitr (April 26) at the Regency Palace Hotel. Watch or participate in the selection and crowning of the 1990 Summer Queen, join in a Jive Competition, watch a scintillating display of "Lambadas" or simply let your feet loose to the music of Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Gala buffet, loads of prizes and most important have a good time. For reservations call 4315425 (Julio), 5741380 or 4890566.

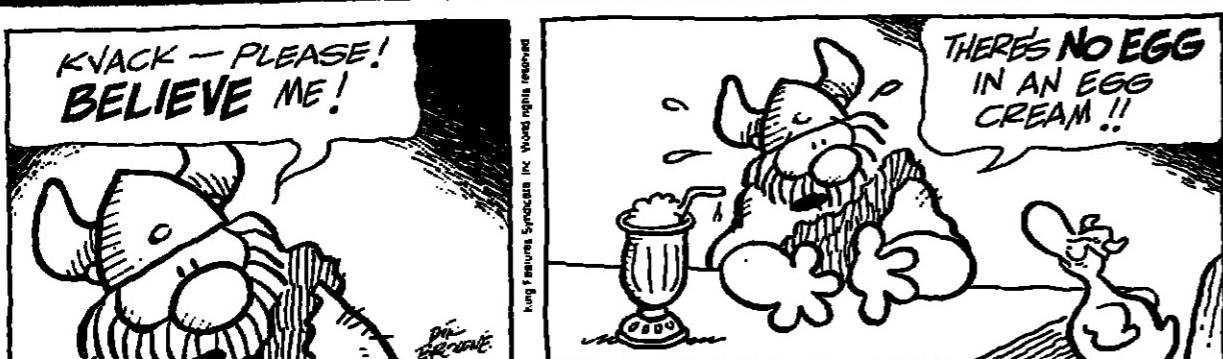
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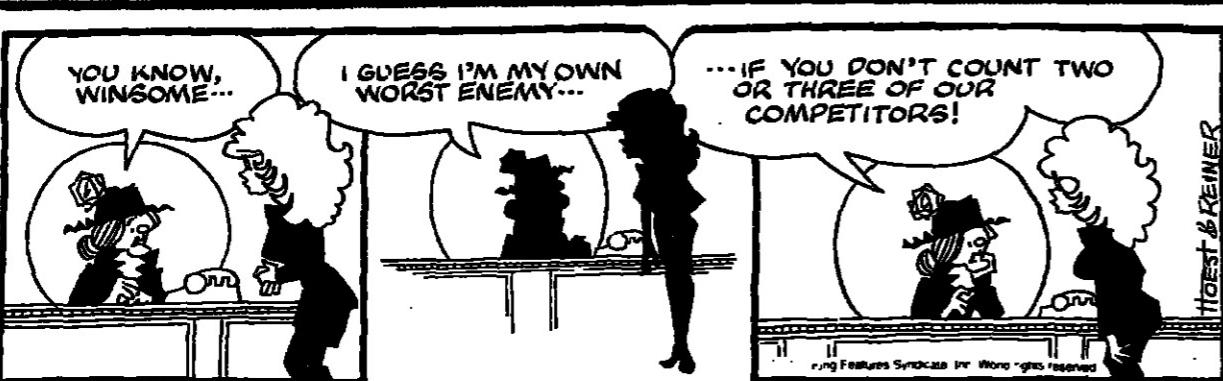
## BLONDIE — By Dean Young &amp; Stan Drake



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE — By Dik Browne



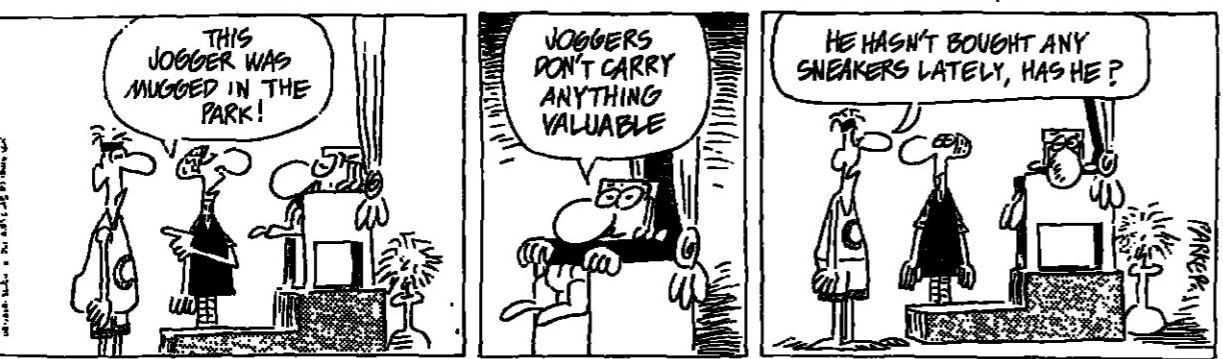
## AGATHA CRUMM — By Bill Hoest



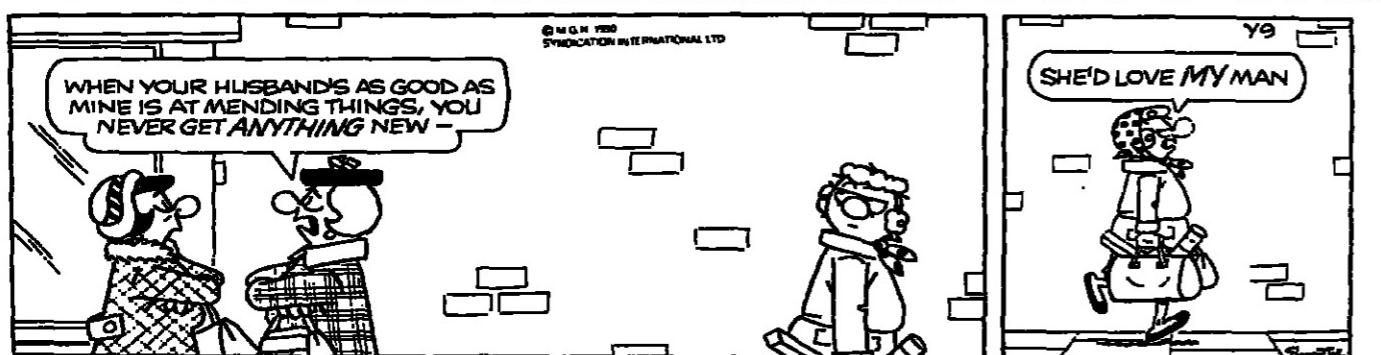
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## THE WIZARD OF ID — By Brant Parker &amp; Johnny Hart



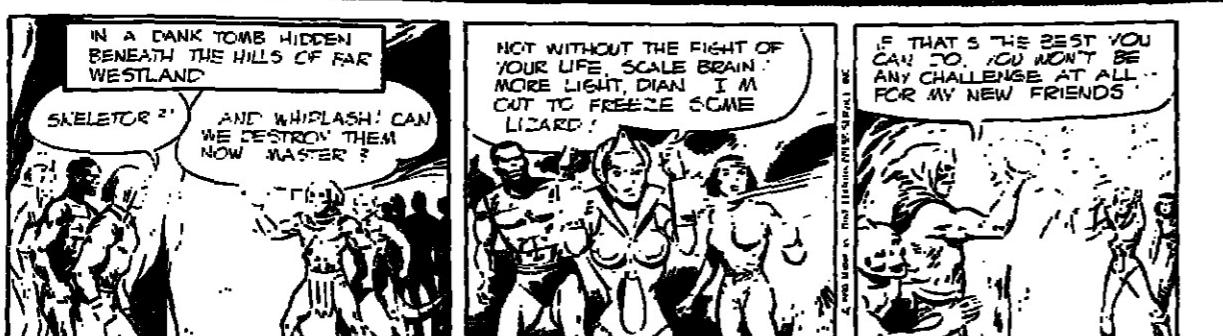
## ANDY CAPP — By D. C. Thompson



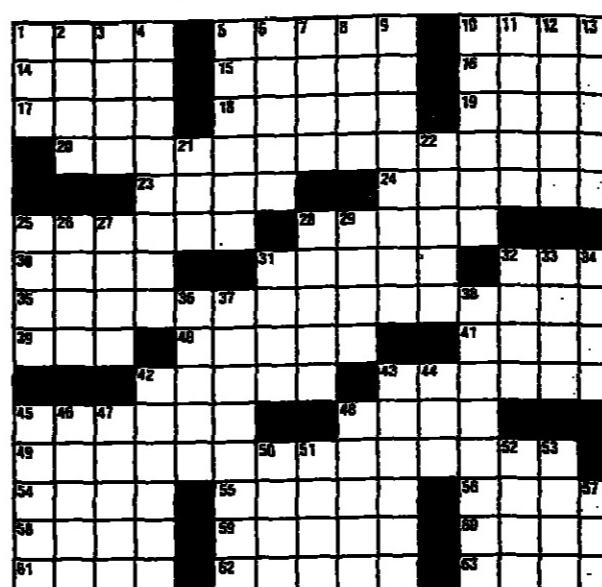
## B.C. — By Johnny Hart



## HE-MAN — By G. Forton &amp; J. Shull



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

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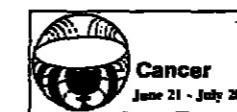
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33 Cognomen  
34 Couple  
35 Get out!  
37 Pledged  
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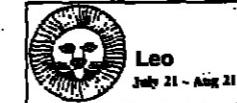
## YOUR STARS

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June 21 - July 22Libra  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22Capricorn  
Dec. 21 - Jan. 19

You have less time than you think there is no more to learn, you should make every effort to learn more. A problem you thought had been solved will reemerge. You will have a good idea and it might make all the difference. Be less extravagant.

Rather than think there is no more to learn, you should make every effort to learn more. A problem you thought had been solved will reemerge. You will have a good idea and it might make all the difference. Be less extravagant.

Once you realize that you require a new technique to do the job you are well on the way to dealing with it. Instead of resisting change you should welcome it. Unless it is definitely a change for the worse. Be sincere.

Taurus  
April 21 - May 20Leo  
July 21 - Aug. 22Scorpio  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 22Aquarius  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

If you ask for more than you deserve you will probably get less than you have expected. Your lucky numbers are 11 and 35. You are more liable to spill things, so beware. You should be prepared for some changes, no good fighting against them. Be sociable.

You will have to deal with a rather intransigent person but you will get most of your way in the end. Make sure you do not neglect. Your personal hygiene. Try not to become involved in other people's problems. Be fair.

You should do your best not to lose touch with a friend who has moved to another town. You should resist a temptation to postpone until tomorrow something you know well should be done today. Do not expect others to do all you would wish them to do.

Gemini  
May 21 - June 20Virgo  
Aug. 22 - Sept. 22Sagittarius  
Nov. 23 - Dec. 22Pisces  
Feb. 19 - March 20

You will be able to make good progress but only if you rally concentrate on what you are doing. Pay a little more attention to what is on your partner's mind. Do not spend money as though there were no tomorrow. Be a little more adventurous.

You can make up for lost time if you really concentrate on what you are doing. Better a little more slowly but a lot more surely. Do not permit yourself to be distracted. Be dependable.

You will feel that you will never learn something that is proving extremely difficult. However do not despair, instead persevere. Do your best not to be late for an appointment. Be prompt.

There is more chance of a misdeed so take care you keep track of them. Do not keep others waiting for a reply to their letters. Whilst nothing is going quite the way you would have wished, some things will turn out to proceed unexpectedly well. Be tactful.



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Christie gets damages, Johnson sued by agent

# Ottey, Gasser triumph in style

MADRID, Spain, March 14. (AP): Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey and Swiss middle-distance runner Sandra Gasser logged the year's best indoor women's times in their events yesterday at the Cagigal Memorial International Track Meet.

Ottey won the 60-metre dash in 7.05 seconds, outsprinting US-born Sandra Myers of Spain, who ran it in 7.23, and another Spanish sprinter, Cristina Castro, who finished third in 7.35.

Gasser ran the year's fastest indoor 1,000 in 2 minutes 37.10 seconds. Monsterrat Pujol of Spain finished in 2:44.61 to edge out European champion Elly van Huist of the Netherlands for second place.

Ottey already holds the year's top time in the 200, in which she is

the reigning world indoor champion.

Gasser holds the fourth-fastest time ever in the 1,000, 2:31.51.

In the men's 60, Chidi Imoh of Nigeria ran a 6.55 time to beat Raymond Stewart of Jamaica, second in 6.59, and Pier Francesco Pavoni of Italy, third in 6.62.

World indoor champion Andres Simon of Cuba finished fourth in 6.68, while Calvin Smith of the United States was fifth in 6.69.

World record holder Lee McRae of the United States finished third in one of three qualifying heats at 6.84 and did not make the finals.

Moroccan Said Aouita, who has set world records at distances

from 1,500 to 5,000 metres, won the 1,500 in 3:45.58, well off his 3:29.46 mark. The second-place finisher was Kipkoech Cheruiyot of Kenya, who ran the event in 3:46.01. He was followed by Angel Farinas of Spain at 3:46.68.

In the men's 60-metre hurdles, Renaldo Nehemiah of the United States outran compatriots Roger Kingdom, the world indoor champion, and Jack Pierce. Nehemiah finished in 7.54, followed by Kingdom in 7.60 and Pierce in 7.65.

Andrew Valmon and Danny Harris of the United States finished one-two in the 400 ahead of Caetano Correia of Spain. Valmon was clocked at 46.84, Harris at 46.85 and Correia at 47.30.

World indoor champion

Larry Myricks of the United States won the long jump with a leap of 8.16. Antonio Cervantes of Spain set a national record with his second-place, 8.12-meter jump. Jaime Jefferson of Cuba was third with a distance of 7.84.

■ In Toronto, disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson has been sued for breach of contract and damages of \$425,000 by his Canadian agent.

Toronto-based Communiqué Ltd negotiated Canadian contracts for Johnson, who was stripped of the gold medal he won in the 100 metres at the Seoul Olympics for taking banned steroids.

US companies Heritage Sports, Heritage Group Inc and Diversified Equities Ltd., which hold the runner's world-wide rights, are also being sued.

Communiqué has also asked a Canadian court to freeze the runner's trust fund which is held by the Canadian Track and Field Association. The size of that fund has not been disclosed.

"There was money owed from these contracts and we feel we are entitled to our fee. But he continued to compete and not been stripped of his medals we would have received fees," Glen Calkins, Communiqué vice-president said yesterday.

"We've been around the block a few times and have not been able to settle with his lawyers. It is regrettable and we hoped it would never come to this but we are looking to resolve this and get on with things," Calkins said.

Communiqué says it has paid Johnson for a promotional film

which they feel is no longer saleable.

The company is also saying Johnson breached an agreement that he race lawfully in accordance with the rules and regulations of various sports bodies.

Johnson was suspended from international competition for two years after his disqualification at the Seoul Olympics in September 1988.

And in London, British Olympic sprinter and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Linford Christie won court damages from the London police yesterday for unlawful arrest and libel.

The black athlete, who had been wrongly accused of stealing a hirecar in 1988, said afterwards the police had acted out of "blatant racism."

A lawyer for the police told the court that the car had been mistakenly reported stolen by the rental company. The police regretted that Christie had been arrested, he said.

Christie's lawyer, Geoffrey Bindman, said the athlete asked the police to check with the rental company but instead he was taken to a police station and detained for about half an hour before being released on bail.

After police discovered the car was not stolen, he was told he need not appear in court.

But three days later a police spokesman, without naming Christie, gave information about the arrest to the Daily Mirror which enabled the newspaper to deduce he had been arrested and publish a report.

"Plainly, this amounted to serious libel," said Bindman.



Christie (left) gets 'five-figure' damages



Sandra Gasser

## Karpov, Timman adjourn 4th game

KUALA LUMPUR, March 14. (Reuters): Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Jan Timman of the Netherlands adjourned the fourth game of the World Candidates Chess Final after 61 moves yesterday.

Karpov, playing the white pieces, opened yesterday's game with the queen pawn and Timman defended the black pieces with a grunfeld defence.

Karpov then made an unexpected retreat with his bishop on his 15th move to pressure the weakened black squares on Timman's position. After the exchange of bishops, the position was clearly in Karpov's favour.

On the 25th move, Timman offered a pawn sacrifice to complicate the game. After a long pause, Karpov declined the offer, choosing to increase his pressure on the C-file.

With only eight minutes each for the remaining nine moves to the time control at 40 moves, Karpov exchanged rooks and the worst seemed over for Timman. Both players were content to mark time with king moves until they reached the 40th move.

In the second session of play, the position simplified considerably. Karpov, realising he had lost his winning chances in the first session, offered to exchange queens. Timman responded by moving his own queen away, an indication that he felt a win for him was not totally impossible.

With his 50th move, Timman brought his knight to the king-side to prepare a breakthrough with his pawn.

In a sudden reversal, Karpov broke through on the king-side with his queen. He then had two passed pawns on the king-side whereas Timman had two passed queen-side pawns.

Timman offered an exchange of queens which Karpov, very short on time, obliged. Timman seemed to have the better of the endgame but a careless move on his 59th move allowed Karpov the chance to stop Timman's pawns.

The game adjourned with Timman sealing his 61st move and will continue tomorrow. Karpov leads by two points to Timman's one. The winner of each game gets one point with 0.5 points for a draw.

■ And in Reykjavik, favourites the Soviet Union could manage only a draw with Nordic countries, but they retained a narrow lead over the United States and Britain after the fourth round of a summit team tournament yesterday.

Britain took an early commanding position in their match against the United States but the Americans again showed resilience to win the three games and keep the loss to a minimum.

## Japan finish with 18 gold medals

SAPPORO, Japan, March 14. (AP): Japan's Fumiko Aoki skied to her third cross country gold medal today in the final event of the Asian Winter Games, and Japan ended up with 18 of the Games' 33 golds.

Its main rivals, however, improved their medal harvest sharply from the first Asian Winter Games four years ago, when Japan won 29 of 35 golds at stake.

China finished with nine golds, compared with four in 1986. South Korea ended with six, compared with one in the last Games.

Mongolia won a bronze in a cross country ski relay race, the first medal won in the Winter Games by a nation other than Japan, China or North or South Korea.

North Korea, due to be host for the next Winter Games in 1995, won no gold this time. It had one in 1986.

Aoki won the women's 15-kilometre cross country ski race in 48 minutes, 15.3 seconds, completing a Japanese sweep of the Games' six cross country ski races. Japan also won all four Alpine ski races.

Aoki already had golds from the women's 10-kilometre race and the 4x5-kilometre relay.

Teammate Naomi Hoshikawa was second in 50:24.4 and China's Wang Jinfen was third in 51:03.0.

Japanese speed skater Seiko Hashimoto, describing herself as exhausted after a recent series of world championship races, still came out of these Games with the biggest gold haul — four.

Hashimoto, who placed second overall in the world championships, won the women's 500-, 1,000-, 1,500- and 3,000-metre races here.

Besides Aoki, other triple gold medalists were Japanese cross country skier Kazunari Sasaki and two short track speed skaters — South Korea's Kim Ki-Hoon and China's Wang Xulan.

Sasaki's golds came in the men's 15- and 30-kilometre races and 4x10-kilometre relay.

Kim won the men's short track 1,000- and 1,500-metre and joined the winning South Korean 5,000-metre relay team. Wang won the women's 500- and 1,000-metre races and received her third gold for the 3,000 relay.

In standard speed skating, world sprint champion Bae Ki-Tae of South Korea won two golds, in the men's 1,000- and 1,500-metre races, after being upset by China's Song Chen in the 500.

Hashimoto and Bae each broke two Games records here.

Bae talked of "leaving the rink" to enter a Japanese university in September, but Korean officials said they hoped he would skate in the 1992 Olympics and win Korea's first gold medal ever in the Winter Olympics.

China repeated as the Games ice hockey champion, defeating Japan 4-2 on two-thirds period goals in the gold-medal game last night.

It picked up two golds in the soldierly sport of biathlon — shooting and cross country skiing — and five in short track speed skating. South Korea won four golds on the short track.

Japan had sent its top short track skaters to compete in the World Championships in Belgium, but still managed to win one gold here.

Unlike in 1986, there was no figure skating competition this time. These Games conflicted with the World Championships in Halifax, Canada, where Japan's Midori Ito sought to defend her women's singles title. Despite winning the short programme and the free skating competition, she ended up second this time because of a poor performance in compulsory figures.

The Games suffered a few embarrassments. At a victory ceremony for a South Korean short track speed skater on the first day last Friday, the public address system first played the Mongolian and North Korean anthems before getting the right one. The organizers formally apologized to South Korea and then rechecked the labels of all their tapes.

In yesterday's 10,000-metre speed skating, officials mistakenly signaled to Japan's Kazuhiro Sato that he had one lap to go when actually he had two. After Sato thought he had finished and slowed down, his coaches sent him back for one more lap. He still ended up winning his second gold medal.

A brawl erupted in Sunday night's ice hockey game between North Korea and Japan after North Korea's Ko Yong Nam hit a Japanese player in the eye with his stick. Ko was given a game penalty and then banned from North Korea's final game, which it lost to South Korea yesterday. North Korea voluntarily benched another player, Pak Chang Duk, acknowledging that he used his stick in the brawl. Five other North Koreans and five Japanese each drew five minute penalties for fighting.

■ Athletes and officials from North and South Korea made friendly contacts at the Games but there is no chance of the two Koreas sending a unified team to Summer Games in Beijing in September, a South Korean official said today.

Chang Myoung-Hi, deputy leader of the South Korean delegation to the Winter Games described the conversations as "very friendly."

In a separate interview, Pak Chang Duk, head of North Korea's delegation, said, "I met with South Korean high-ranking officials in natural form here."

He said it was "good to form a unified team for sports meets," but did not specify any future meet in which the communist North and Capitalist south, divided since 1945, might join in a single team.

Pak also promised that by 1995 the facilities "will be beautifully completed."

He said, "the temperature at Samjiyon, 2,000 metres (6,562 feet) above sea level, is pretty low now but we still have enough time. When it becomes warmer, the preparations will be resumed under the concrete plan."

## Holyfield latest to launch court action

PATERSON, N.J., March 14. (Reuters): Evander Holyfield, the number one heavyweight contender, and his promoter have become the latest entries in courtroom battles surrounding the first heavyweight title defence by James "Buster" Douglas.

Holyfield and his promoter, Main Events/Monitor, have filed for a temporary restraining order against Douglas, boxing promoter Don King, the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas and others to prevent them from interfering with purse bids for Douglas' mandated title defence against Holyfield.

A hearing on the suit has been scheduled for today in New Jersey Superior Court in Paterson, according to a statement issued by the Holyfield camp yesterday.

In order to gain permission to fight Mike Tyson for the title last month in Tokyo, Douglas agreed to fight Holyfield, the mandatory challenger, within 120 days, the statement said.

Douglas, who won the crown with a stunning knockout of Tyson in Tokyo, has said he prefers to wait until September before returning to the ring. Holyfield's handlers say the bout should take place in June.

The latest court action follows suit by Douglas' camp to deny a series of options claimed by King and a countersuit from the flam-

boyant promoter. Billionaire real estate magnate Donald Trump has also taken court action to make sure his Atlantic City casino does not lose the next Tyson fight to Las Vegas.

"While Don King and others have been scrambling to obtain the rights to Douglas, they have tied each other, and Douglas, up in litigation," Holyfield promoter Dan Duva said in the statement. "Meanwhile, they all seem eager to ignore and even trample on the rights of Evander Holyfield."

Holyfield manager Ken Sanders said: "Any delay .... could injure Evander. Boxing history is full of boxers who were denied their opportunity for a title shot."

The Holyfield camp says bids should be made next month.

The purse bid procedure is used where no contract between a title holder and challenger make bids, with the highest bidder taking the bout and the purse distributed 75 per cent to the champion and 25 per cent to the challenger.

■ Meanwhile, Douglas wants to enjoy his undisputed title for a while before returning to the ring to defend the championship.

"I am working out three months prior to the title fight (with Tyson) and only now I'm finding time to relax, sit back and actually absorb it all. I haven't

had time to do that," said Douglas, who prefers to put off fighting until September.

"Right now it's all up in the air as far as who I'll be fighting, but I want the first to be Holyfield. I'd like to give him the first shot at my title and then, I don't know, it could be Tyson, it could be someone else," he said coyly at a news conference yesterday.

Douglas was in Washington to promote a sports auction to raise money for hospital programmes for babies born addicted to drugs. Among the items sold was Douglas' WBC championship belt, which fetched \$12,000.

With his defence plans currently on hold, Douglas said he was continuing with his usual training regimen, "doing as I always do; running, getting a little gym work in, working on the bag, shadow boxing and jumping rope."

Douglas' manager, John Johnson, was the picture of confidence as he deflected questions about his fighter's tendency to gain weight during long layoffs.

"He'll be in shape and kick whoever's you-know-what when the time comes," Johnson said. "Holyfield seems to be a nice young man, but he won't go five round with James Douglas, neither will Mike Tyson the next time, and neither will (Donovan) 'Razor' Ruddock."

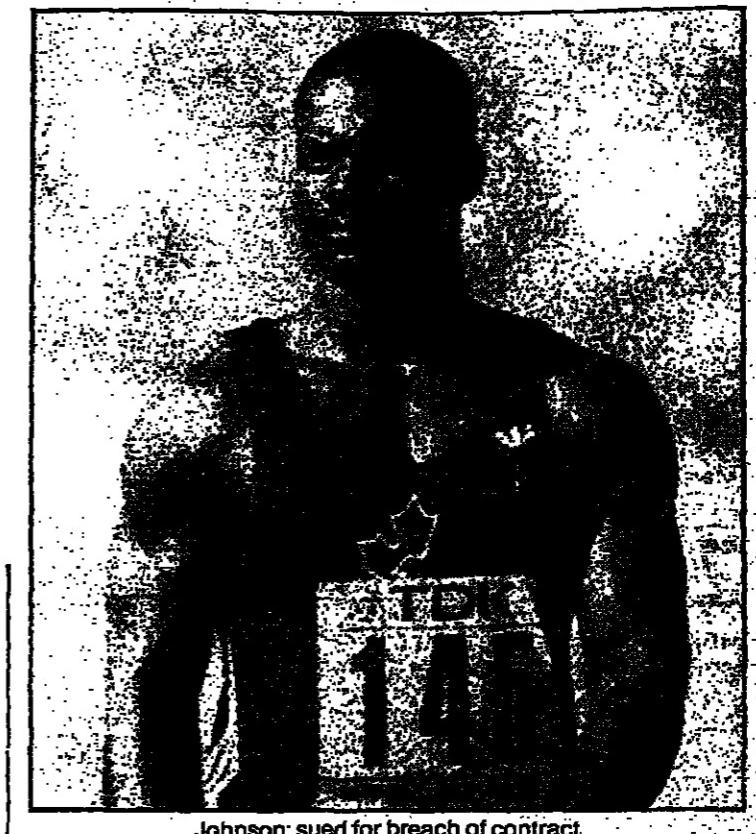


Boring conference

Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali covers his mouth with his hand as he yawns during a press conference for a promotional boxing bout in Jakarta yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Christie: won the 1,500 metres race



Johnson: sued for breach of contract

## Butcher set to break own record

ELIM, Alaska, March 14. (AP): Three-time winner Susan Butcher led the Iditarod trail dog race yesterday and defending champion Joe Rannigan stayed in dogged pursuit as the two mushed onto the windswept Seward peninsula.

## West Indies, England Test abandoned

GEORGETOWN, March 14. (Reuter): The second cricket Test between West Indies and England was abandoned after rain washed out the first three days, but the team were to play two one-day internationals today and tomorrow.

Both sides agreed that rather than play the final two days of the Test match, two competitive matches would be a better option for players and spectators.

The decision followed a proposal by England tour manager Peter Lush to the West Indies Cricket Board of Control. The Test, only the fifth to be abandoned without a ball being bowled because of bad weather, was called off last night.

If the one-day matches are not also affected by rain, England are expected to use them to give all their players match practice.

England, 1-0 up in the five-match Test series, have only one first class match, against a President's XI, before the third Test starts in Trinidad on March 23 and are becoming anxious.

"We were prepared to do anything to get some cricket after a week of inactivity," said team manager Micky Stewart.

The sides have not yet decided whether the matches will form part of the official one-day series which was cut from five to three matches after rain forced the first two in Trinidad to be abandoned.

West Indies currently lead the series 2-0.

## Spain to spend \$382m on security

BARCELONA, Spain, March 14. (AP): Spain plans to spend 42 billion pesetas (\$382 million) for security at the 1992 Olympics and Seville's Expo '92, a top official said yesterday.

State secretary for security Rafael Vera told reporters the national police force was having trouble finding lodgings for the 10,000 officers going to Barcelona to provide security during the Summer Olympic Games.

Vera, who presided over a meeting of the Olympic Security Commission, said food and lodgings for the officers going to Barcelona and Seville was expected to cost 8 billion pesetas (\$72.7 million).

The bulk of the security budget for the events — 34 billion pesetas (\$309 million) — was earmarked for new equipment, he said.

The Summer Olympic Games open July 25, 1992, and run for two weeks.

Expo '92 is set to open April 12 and end Oct. 1992 — 500 years to the day Christopher Columbus reached San Salvador Island in the Caribbean at the end of his first trans-Atlantic voyage.

## Goodwill Games

WASHINGTON, March 14. (AP): Organisers of the Goodwill Games said after a White House meeting yesterday there is a good chance President George Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will visit the competition this summer in Seattle.

"The feeling at the White House is very favourable," said the Rev. William J. Sullivan, chairman of the board of directors for the Seattle organising committee.

**Crucial KPBL matches scheduled for tomorrow**

THE Kawaii Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) winds up with its elimination round schedules with a series of crucial matches from 9 am tomorrow at the Kaikan High School Gym.

Tomorrow's schedules are as follows:

9.00 am Al Ghani vs Nissan Al-Babaa  
10.30 am EEL vs Trico  
12.00 pm KAI vs KDD  
1.30 pm KHC Bayan vs Overland Trans. Co. (if required)

In the 1st game Al Ghani and Nissan battle for that crucial win that could earn them a tie, and possibly a semifinal berth. The winner however would have to wait for the result of the other scheduled games (EEL vs Trico & EEL vs KRP) to learn of their fate.

The 2nd game is the most interesting game to watch as Trico goes all out to register its 3rd win in 4 games. A win by Trico would assure them of an outright seat in the 4 team single round robin championship. A loss by Trico would send EEL to

WELLINGTON, March 14. (Reuter): Champion New Zealand pace bowler Richard Hadlee's last home Test will be a shortened affair, with torrential rain in Wellington over the past two days certain to delay the start of a one-off Test match against Australia tomorrow.

"There is no possibility of play starting on time at 10.30 am (2130 GMT)," match referee Earle Cooper told Reuters today. "But if present weather conditions continue, there'll definitely be playing later in the day."

Officials were earlier talking of abandoning the first day's play after Wellington was soaked by heavy rain which flooded local rivers over a 48-hour period. But the rain stopped and the weather is improving.

Hadlee, the only player to have taken 400 Test wickets, has kept the cricket world guessing about whether he will go on New Zealand's tour of England starting in May. "Logic would suggest that I won't go to England," he said yesterday, but declined to be drawn on his specific plans.

"What I have said is that it will be my last match in New Zealand."

Scattered showers forced both teams to practice indoors for the second consecutive day. Moisture seeped under the covers leaving the Basin Reserve wicket block damp in two or three places and the outfield was sodden after being almost covered by water 24 hours earlier.

New Zealand batsman Martin Crowe, who has scored 11 Test centuries, is fighting to



Hadlee: To play for last time in a Test in New Zealand

recover from a thigh muscle injury suffered last Saturday in a one-day match against Australia.

His elder brother Jeff is on standby to take his place in the Test team.

New Zealand captain John Wright said Martin Crowe struggled to bat at an indoor net practice this morning and he would require more physiotherapy.

"He really did struggle today

so I think he was quite a problem," Wright said. "But we may be able to give him more time."

Even if Martin Crowe fails to make the Test lineup, New Zealand will have the services of Hadlee, top order batsman Andrew Jones and off-spinner John Bracewell — all key players who missed the drawn Test against Australia in Perth last November.



Crowe: may not be able to recover in time for the Test

Australia, fresh from winning a triangular one-day series against New Zealand and India, are confident after beating Pakistan one-nil in a Test series at home earlier this year.

Both teams will name their playing eleven tomorrow morning.

**Squads:**  
New Zealand: John Wright (captain), Trevor Franklin, Andrew Jones, Martin Crowe,

Mark Greatbatch, Ken Rutherford, Jeff Crowe, Ian Smith, Shane Thomson, Richard Hadlee, John Bracewell, Martin Snedden, Danny Morrison.

Australia: Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, Mark Taylor, Dean Jones, David Boon, Steve Waugh, Simon O'Donnell, Ian Healy, Peter Taylor, Greg Campbell, Terry Alderman, Carl Rackemann, Merv Hughes.

## Top Europeans to miss PGA tourney

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, March 14. (AP): The major European stars are conspicuous by their absence this week in the showcase event of the American PGA Tour, the Players Championship.

Masters champion Nick Faldo of England is missing. So are Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Bernhard Langer of West Germany and Ian Woosnam of Wales.

All are eligible for the tournament that begins tomorrow on the TPC at Sawgrass, the home course for America's touring pros. But none will play in the event that is billed at the annual championship of golf's touring pros. It ranks as the most important tournament produced solely by the PGA Tour.

And, as if to emphasise their displeasure with the American Tour's hierarchy, all the Europeans plan to play next week at Bay Hill in Orlando, Florida.

Their absence hasn't gone unnoticed.

"In other years, this tournament had the strongest field in golf," two-time US Open champion Curtis Strange said. "But with the Europeans missing, you can't say the same this year."

"From top to bottom, this field has greater depth than any other Tour event, but you can't say it's the strongest at the top with the leading Europeans not here."

It's all part of a continuing rift between the American Tour administration and Europe's leading players.

Faldo and Langer resigned their American Tour memberships late last year. Ballesteros and Woosnam declined proffered memberships.

All have complained of the membership requirement to play 15 American events annually. They say it is too many. As non-members, they are restricted in the number of American events in which they compete.

All will play in the Masters in April, and will start their preparation for the season's first major next week.

They chose not to spend one of their limited number of American Tour appearances on PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman's principal production.

Beman, who founded the Players Championship, has made no secret of his desire to elevate it to the status enjoyed of golf's big four, the Masters, US and British Opens and the PGA. All those tournaments are presented by organisations other than the PGA Tour.

While those major players are delaying the start of their abbreviated American schedules, the 144-man field features much of the rest of the world's best.

Chief among them are Strange, Australian Greg Norman, defending champion Tom Kite and current British Open title-holder Mark Calcavecchia.

"I played a lot better than I scored last week," Strange said. "I'm playing well enough to win. I'm really ready to go."

Norman won his last time out, a chip-in eagle producing a playoff victory in his last start two weeks ago at dorsal.

Calcavecchia has been second each of the last two weeks, has three runner-up finishes this season and has been eighth or better in six of eight starts.

Also on hand are leading money-winner Paul Azinger, PGA champion Payne Stewart, Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson and 1990 tournament winners Robert Gamez, Mark O'Meara, Peter Jacobsen, Dan Forsman, Fred Couples and John Huston.



Ian Woosnam

## Zaheer takes Meridien past Cantt

MERIDIEN Cricket Club brushed aside Cantt by 41 runs in a friendly match at the Salmiya ground on Friday.

Meridien batted first and scored 166 runs for the loss of six wickets. Zaheer was the top scorer with 66 including a six and ten fours while Choudhary and Alizal scored 38 and 22 not out respectively.

For Cantt, Amer grabbed three wickets while Sajid got two. Cantt never got on top of the Meridien bowlers, led by an accurate Zaheer and Liaqat. Cantt tried to put up some resistance but gave finally bowled out for only 125 runs, in 20 overs.

For Meridien, Zaheer and Liaqat bowled extremely well and the Cantt batsmen were in all sorts of trouble while facing them. Zaheer and Liaqat took one wicket each while John and Razzaq took one wicket apiece.

### IVCC triumph

• Indian Veterans Cricket Club, led by Ganju, defeated Bader Mulla Cricket Club in a friendly match at Salmiya grounds on Friday.

After winning the toss, IVCC invited Bader Mulla to bat first.



Zaheer: hit 66



Khalid: four wickets

Mubasher with 37, Iqbal 31 and Mohammed Ali 34 were the top scorers for New Pak.

Siddique did not face any difficulty in reaching their target and got the required runs in only 22.2 overs for the loss of six wickets. They had been given a good start by Anjum and Shahid who put on 33 runs for the first wicket before the former was out for 17.

Shahid kept on batting well and scored 47 before he was out. Khalid also did his bit with the bat by scoring an unbeaten 19 while Tariq scored 19 also. Siddique

were also helped by some weak New Pak fielding which resulted in 21 extras.

### Pakistan Trophy

The Pakistan Resolution Trophy Cricket Tournament will start at the Nadi Al Nasser, Jieeb Shuyukh, tomorrow. Officials from the Pakistan embassy are expected to attend the event.

Teams taking part in the tournament are Pakistan Central Cricket Club, Farwaniya XI, Quaid-e-Millat and Kheetan Eleven.

### Super Bowl site

ORLANDO, Florida, March 14. (AP): Phoenix won out over Los Angeles and San Diego and was awarded the 1993 Super Bowl by the National Football League owners yesterday.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the owners voted in part to play football's annual championship game in Phoenix in 1993 because of a desire for variety.

Teams: Virtus Bologna — Roberto Brunamonti, Massimiliano Rombo, Claudio Coldebella, Tommaso Tasso, Michael Sylvester, Michael Richardson, Augusto Binelli, Clemon Johnson, Clive Right, Vittorio Galinari, Lauro Bonn.

Real Madrid — Jose Luis Llorente, Michael Anderson, Fernando Romay, Miguel Angel Cabral, Ismael Santos, Javier Perez, Enrique Villalobos, Jose Cargol, Anthony Frederick, Antonio Martin.

Next year's Super Bowl will be played in Tampa and the 1992 game is in Minneapolis.

out in stopping their one man army.

In a related development, the KPBL-Pizza Italia All Star Game shall push through the March 23, 1990, Friday as scheduled. The all star line-ups (tentative) as follows:

Green team: Greg Lugo, Arnel Dingson, Rey Garcia, Celso Tuadles, Tony Zalavarria, Mat Reyes, Norman Menes, Adolf Calacay, Alfred Babiera, Eddie Bolito, Jess Osorio, Rolly Galicia, Celso Dequilla, Francisco Perez and Sotico Detera. Danny Cañil (EEI Mentor) has been named the coach for this Green All Star.

Red team: Edwin Castro, Lito de la Cruz, Ric Perez, Emie Domingo, Al Barcelona, Butch Arganosa, Eric Pizarro, Lito Gutierrez, Bong Linganay, Ferdi Abubo, Santiago Ortega, Augusto Navarro, Gregorio Moya, Lamberto Marin, and Joselito Kai. Eddie de la Cruz (KPBC mentor) is the coach for this Red All Star squad.

All All-Star players are advised to report to their respective coaches as soon as possible or face the consequences of being scratched from their respective line-ups.

## Wilander takes a break from tennis

STOCKHOLM, March 14. (AP): Former world number one Mats Wilander is taking a break from tennis for at least a month because he is lacking motivation, a Swedish newspaper reported Friday.

"I am taking at least a month off," Wilander told the daily Göteborgs-Posten. He said he would not return to the circuit "until I feel like playing again — whether it takes a couple of weeks or months."

"I am only physically on the court, but I couldn't think about the game," Wilander said of his first-round exit from the Indian Wells tournament last week where he lost to fellow Swede Jan Gunnarsson in straight sets.

Wilander took a similar break last year but has failed to regain his 1988 form.

Last month he lost a decisive singles match against Paole Cane in Cagliari which gave Italy an unexpected Davis Cup first round victory over Sweden.

Wilander said he was not considering giving up tennis.

"I have promised myself to give it another try in a serious way," he said.

The championship, which will be played July 26-29, is the second oldest women's professional golf tournament in the country. The purse and the permanent relocation of the tour.

LPGA commissioner William Blue also announced that the tournament will relocate to the Bethesda Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland, a Washington suburb. It has been played at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Centre in Kings Island, Ohio, near Cincinnati for the last 12 years.

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## Cash included in Australian Cup squad

BRISBANE, Australia, March 14. (Reuter): Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash has been named in the Australian team for the Davis Cup tennis quarterfinal against New Zealand from March 30 to April 1.

Australian captain Neale Fraser announced at a press conference today that the team would be Darren Cahill, John Fitzgerald and Wally Masur along with Cash.

Fraser decided to forego the usual five-man squad, tipping Mark Kratzmann out of the unit which beat France 3-2 in Perth last month and sticking with the four who won the tie.

The quarterfinal will be played on the Milton grass courts in Brisbane.

Cash has been selected on reputation rather than form or ranking. "He played well in the last tie but since then he hasn't been playing much and his form has been disappointing," Fraser said.

"But Pat has a few more tournaments to get things right — he's playing an exhibition at the moment. He's a great competitor and loves playing Davis Cup, as do all the players."

Fraser said he had spoken to all four players in

